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## Kinnock warns Israel

# Armed forces cannot contain human explosion indefinitely

GAZA CITY, Feb 19, (Agencies): British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock warned Israel it could not use armed force indefinitely to contain the "human explosion" brewing in the impoverished refugee camps of the Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, the United Command, who is organising the anti-Israeli uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip called today for a week of demonstrations and general strikes to protest a visit next week by US Secretary of State George Shultz.

Ending a four-day visit to Israel and the occupied areas, Kinnock showed reporters two bullets which Arab doctors told him were fired down by soldiers to cause maximum injuries to Palestinian protesters.

Kinnock's visit has been marked by statements he made on alleged use of banned explosive ammunition against Arab rioters.

While telling a news conference the munitions were not "dum-dum" or explosive bullets, Kinnock said: "I have two filed, small-calibre bullets that were taken from bodies, fortunately living, who were shot in Gaza."

### Explosive

"What I saw was an X-ray which showed shattering of the bone and flesh consistent with the use of explosive bullets," he said.

He said he was sure Israeli commanders did not endorse such actions but there was "particular seriousness in the actions of people prepared to go to the lengths of filing down bullets knowing the consequences on the human body."

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### Prevented

In Gaza, Palestinian sources said the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (Unrwa) representative Bernard Mills was prevented by Israeli soldiers from entering the camp. Unrwa could not be reached for comment.

The sources said there were demonstrations in several Gaza Strip refugee camps. They said Israeli troops burst into the Ahli Hospital in the centre of Gaza to arrest a youth.

Shultz will meet Israeli leaders next week to discuss new US peace proposals. But the initiative has already run into trouble, with both Israeli right-wingers and Palestinian nationalists expressing opposition.

Several Palestinian leaders have said they would not meet Shultz without prior, public approval from the PLO.

"Because of the strong anti-Saudi and anti-American feeling in the occupied territories right now, such a meeting could endanger the lives of the people participating," said one leading Palestinian.

### 70 feared dead as boat sinks

CALCUTTA, Feb 19, (Reuter): Over 70 people were feared dead after a crowded boat capsized in shark-infested waters near the mouth of the river Ganges in northeast India, police said today.

The boat carrying more than 120 passengers sank in a tributary of the Ganges 40 km (25 miles) southeast of Calcutta yesterday. Only 40 survivors and nine bodies had been found, a police spokesman said.

"I do not think the rest have any chance. The bodies must have been eaten up by sharks in the sea by now," he said.

### WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be around normal with light variable to moderate southeasterly wind. State of sea: slight to moderate. High water: 2.00 am, 1.00 pm. Low water: 8.00 am, 8.30 pm. Sunrise: 6.24 am. Sunset: 5.41 pm. Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 31°C/20°F. Ahmadi: 19°C/64°F. Failaka: 20°C/68°F. Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 75 percent. Ahmad: 68 percent. Failaka: 80 percent. Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 80 percent. Ahmad: 74 percent. Failaka: 89 percent. Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 9°C/48°F. Ahmad: 14°C/57°F. Failaka: 13°C/55°F.



A Palestinian is carried to a waiting ambulance in the Casabah area of Nablus. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Arabs call for UN session on PLO mission

UNITED NATIONS, Feb 19, (Reuters): The Arab states have proposed resuming the UN General Assembly to consider action on the threatened US closure of the PLO mission, their spokesman said yesterday.

Every Friday, Israeli troops are out in force near mosques to quell unrest after noon prayers.

Despite a recent lull in the violence, Israel is deploying 1,500 reinforcements in Arab neighbourhoods in and around Jerusalem to prepare for the visit of Shultz.

The Army said it slapped curfews on the Tulkarem and Dara refugee camps on the West Bank to prevent planned anti-Israeli demonstrations. A petrol bomb thrown at an Israeli bus near Ramallah caused no damage and demonstrations were reported in Hebron.

Clavis Maksoud, UN representative of the Arab League, said they made their formal request on Wednesday and wanted the session held by Feb 29.

Diplomats said there was no doubt that the proposal would be heeded and that whatever action was then sought by the Arab states and their other Third World allies was virtually certain to be approved.

The most likely course, according to Maksoud, was submission of the case to the World Court for an advisory opinion.

**Decision**

A UN spokesman said the American authorities had not notified Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar of their decision about the PLO mission, but this was expected by the end of the week.

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### Beirut group claims abduction

## Hunt stepped up for US officer

TYRE, Lebanon, Feb 19, (Reuters): Shiite Muslim Amal militiamen mounted a major search in South Lebanon today for a kidnapped American peacekeeping officer as a group said it was holding him as a Central Intelligence Agency agent.

William Higgins, agent of the Central Intelligence Agency who uses the (UN) observers work as a cover for his dangerous spying mission, is in the hands of our mujahedeen," the Organisation of the Oppressed of the World said.

Its statement, delivered to an international news agency in West Beirut, was accompanied by a photocopy of two cards—one in English and another in Hebrew—with a picture of Higgins, a Marine lieutenant-colonel, and a signature.

The group has claimed responsibility for killing several hostages in the past.

**Decision**

Amal officials said scores of militiamen raided homes in and around Tyre overnight in search of Higgins, abducted on Wednesday near the port 70 km (48 miles) south of Beirut.

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## Heavy rains in UAE

ABU DHABI, Feb 19, (Kuna): Thirty construction workers yesterday sustained various injuries, mostly minor, as rooftops of their residences were torn apart by torrential rains accompanied by snow.

Heavy rains, which have been pouring down non-stop, also uprooted some trees and barriers surrounding a number of construction sites.

### THE WORLD THIS MORNING



#### Freedom Party

COLOMBO, (AP): Sri Lanka's largest opposition party will boycott provincial council elections that the government had hoped would begin to resolve the island's 4-year-old ethnic conflict, a Freedom Party official said.

#### New contract

LONDON, (AP): Strikers at Ford's British plants have voted by a big majority for a new contract and will return to work next week. But new strife in the auto industry loomed yesterday when pay talks at Land Rover broke down, threatening to precipitate a strike there.

#### Stolen computer

BRUSSELS, (Reuter): Police who went to question a suspected thief, Wilfried Nusken, at his home found all the evidence he had stolen — on a computer he had stolen.

#### Brain dead

LOMA LINDA, California, (UPI): Baby John, born this week virtually without a brain, has been declared brain dead and put on a respirator, becoming the first infant used in a programme that "harvests" organs for transplants.

#### Soviet message

DAMASCUS, (AP): President Hafez Assad received a letter yesterday from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev concerning the latest attempt to reach a peace settlement in Afghanistan.

#### Evidence

LONDON, (Reuters): The United States has sent Britain possible evidence about the alleged World War Two interrogation of British commandos by Austrian President Kurt Waldheim when he served in the German Army, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said.

#### Peace initiative

AMMAN, (Reuters): Jordan is canvassing other Arab nations on the new American peace initiative ahead of the arrival in the region next week of US Secretary of State George Shultz.

#### Goulding in Amman

AMMAN, (AP): United Nations Undersecretary-General Marrack Goulding arrived yesterday for two days of talks with Jordanian officials. Goulding declined to give any comments on his arrival in Amman and said he will not be available for any interview in the next two days.

#### Civil service

LONDON, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has announced she will hand over authority for 70,000 of Britain's 580,000 civil servants to 12 new agencies run by private industry-style executives rather than government ministers.

#### Sex killer

GUAYAQUIL, (AP): A Colombian who admitted raping and murdering 72 women and girls in Ecuador was sentenced to a maximum prison term of 16 years, judge Vicente Del Pino said.

#### 15 die in bank blast

WINDHOEK, Namibia, Feb 19, (Agencies): At least 15 people were killed by a bomb blast which ripped through a crowded bank today in one of the deadliest attacks in Namibia's 21-year-old bush war.

Police told reporters at a photo session with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl he was worried about the other 16 US officers in Lebanon but that Washington would uphold its commitment to the UN.

A sketch had been drawn of one of three bearded men who forced Higgins out of his UN car near Tyre soon after he had visited a senior Amal official, a Reuter reporter said.

The Organisation of the Oppressed of the World, in its Arabic typewritten statement, demanded the "withdrawal of all Israeli troops from Lebanese territories, the release of all mujahedeen prisoners—Lebanese and Palestinians—from the Khamis and all Zionist prisons in

Jerusalem as the capital.

The United Nations has warned the Lebanese government of possible consequences for UN activity in that country following three abductions of its staff, the world body said yesterday.

A military spokesman, revising earlier police figures, said the UAE has never witnessed rains of such intensity and continuity for many years.

Police said about 25 kg (55 pounds) of plastic explosive was used in the bombing which demolished a branch of the First National bank in the garrison town just south of Namibia's border with Angola.

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Moreover, the floods in the "Hatta" area in Dubai washed away a passenger car with three people aboard. Two were able to escape, the third is still missing.

Meteorological officials recorded 129 millimetres of rain in one day.

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## Nine dead as explosions rock Punjab cities

AMRITSAR, Feb 19. (Agencies): Sikh separatists hurled home-made bombs into court complexes in four cities in the north Indian state of Punjab today, killing at least nine people and injuring more than 63, police said.

Police said security forces had sealed off all other court complexes, which usually also contain main administrative buildings and police headquarters, across the state.

Punjab police also redoubled guards at police stations and posted policemen at bus stands after receiving information these might come under extremist attack.

They said it was the first time since 1986 that Sikh separatist extremists had used bombs extensively and the first to be directed against crowds at Punjab courts.

Police said the hand grenades were crude and appeared to have been made by the extremists themselves using nails and screws packed together with simple explosives.

But they said the timing of the attacks was well-planned and coordinated.

### Blasts

The first three blasts occurred just before and after lunch while lawyers, court workers and others waiting to hear cases were standing in the open compounds around the courts.

Police in Amritsar said security forces along India's border with Pakistan had, over a two-week period late last year confiscated 40 small foreign-made high-explosive bombs from two suspected militants. Markings on the bombs had been erased.

Violence triggered by Sikh militants has killed nearly 210 people so far this year against 1,200 people in 1987.

### Ships warned of suspected mine in Gulf

### Heroic dog awarded

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## INTERNATIONAL

**Presidential race thrown wide open in Cyprus**

NICOSIA, Feb 19. (AP): Cyprus' most hotly contested presidential election was thrown wide open today after ousted President Spyros Kyprianou refused to back either of the two front-runners.

That left his 91,000 supporters free to vote either way in a final ballot next Sunday.

Kyprianou's Centrist Democratic Party, Diko, said it did not agree with the stands of either veteran political warhorse Glafcos Clerides, leader of the right-wing Democratic Rally Party, or millionaire businessman George Vassiliou.

Diko's surprise move came after days of backroom bargaining between the two front-runners and rivals knocked out of the race in a first-round ballot last Sunday.

## UN asked to probe human rights abuses in Philippines

MANILA, Feb 19. (Agencies): Philippine human rights groups have filed a petition with the United Nations charging the government with "gross and systematic" violations of human rights, a spokesman said today.

The petition filed yesterday would be heard by the UN Commission on Human Rights on Feb 23, Alvaro Sunturas of the Philippine alliance of human rights advocates told reporters.

"Task force detainees, a human rights organization backed by several religious orders, said it had documented cases of 602 people being tortured while in military custody."

The group also blamed the armed forces for the summary executions of 239 people in 1987

and for the forced evacuation of almost 19,000 families as a result of military operations in the countryside.

**Pattern**

"The present government of the Republic of the Philippines under President Corazon Aquino continues to commit and perpetuate a consistent pattern of gross and systematic violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Filipino people," the petition said.

"What is going on is that the situation is getting worse," Sunturas said.

The petition also said the United States was aiding Manila's anti-insurgency campaign.

Local and foreign human

rights groups have criticised the Philippine government's policy of "total war" against the country's 19-year old communists insurgency.

Others, however, have accused task force detainees from group working to undermine the Aquino administration.

The government's human rights commissioner, Mary Concepcion Bautista, has said 1,500 cases of alleged human rights violations were being investigated but denied abuses were being committed systematically.

Bautista said on Monday the government would oppose a move by activists to discuss alleged rights abuses before the UN's human rights commission.

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**Nasser's son  
refuses to  
come home**

CAIRO, Feb 19, (AP): Gamal Abdel Nasser's eldest son Khaled rejected a personal appeal from President Hosni Mubarak that he come home from Yugoslavia to face allegations linking him with an anti-US, anti-Israeli terror group, a family member says.

Businessman Ashraf Marawan, the former president's son-in-law, also told a state-owned magazine that two Arab countries turned down asylum requests by Khaled Abdul Nasser before Yugoslavia accepted him.

Khaled and 19 others were indicted formally on Thursday in connection with four shooting attacks in Cairo on Israeli and US diplomats and embassy workers between 1984 and 1987. Two Israelis died and six others and two Americans were wounded.

The 38-year-old Nasser and 10 other defendants face a possible death sentence, the remaining nine prison terms up to life.

"President Mubarak asked me in the presence of family members last Sept 28, when he visited President Nasser's tomb, that Khaled return to Egypt to appear before prosecutors and explain actions attributed to him," Marawan said.

Sept 28, was the 17th anniversary of Nasser's death from a heart attack. Mubarak has visited the tomb annually on that date since he took office in 1981, and the invariably speaks in glowing terms about the late leader.

Marawan, who is married to Nasser's younger daughter Mona, said he "relayed (Mubarak's) request to Khaled, but he preferred to remain outside Egypt."

**Vorontsov criticises interim government demand**

## Pakistan 'blocking' Afghan settlement

MOSCOW, Feb 19, (AP): A top Soviet official said in an article published yesterday that Pakistan and the anti-communist rebels it supports are making unjustified demands that may prevent settlement of the Afghan conflict.

Yuri Vorontsov, First Deputy Foreign Minister, criticised Pakistan for insisting that arrangements be made now for an interim government in Afghanistan.

"We do not hear anything intelligible from those who have been harping throughout all the last years on the Soviet Union's intention to gain a foothold in Afghanistan," Vorontsov said in an interview with the Communist Party newspaper Pravda.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced Feb 8 that if negotiations are successful, the Soviet Union would withdraw its troops from Afghanistan over a 10-month period starting May 15. Talks aimed at completing a settlement package are to resume March 2 in Geneva.

### Bombing denied

LONDON, Feb 19, (Reuters): An Iranian opposition group denied today allegations by Iran's national news agency Irna that it was involved in a car bomb blast which injured two people in Tehran.

"The People's Mujahideen of Iran ... more vehemently condemn these actions ...," the group said.

Irna, monitored in Nicosia, blamed yesterday's blast on "agents of the world arrogance".

Pakistan believes arrangements for an interim government must be made before the troop pullout starts to encourage Afghan refugees to return home. Some three million Afghans fled their homeland for Pakistan, which is now eager for them to leave.

Vorontsov, who met with Pakistani officials in Islamabad on Feb 10-11, said Pakistan had alleged for many years that the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan was discouraging refugees from returning.

Pakistan's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani, pressed his case for an interim government in a Washington meeting Wednesday with US Secretary of State George Shultz. Shultz is scheduled to discuss Afghanistan when he meets Sunday in Moscow with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze and Monday with Gorbachev.

The official did not directly link his remarks with the arrival of Shultz, due in Moscow on Sunday.

## Roh announces new government

SEOUL, Feb 19, (Reuters): South Korean President-elect Roh Tae-Woo today named a new government which, despite a lot of new faces, looks set to continue the economic, trade and foreign policies of its predecessor.

Roh, who will be sworn in on Feb 25 as successor to retiring President Chun Doo Hwan, retained two key economic ministers together with Foreign Minister Choi Kwang-Soo and the ministers for the interior, justice and sport.

Domestic and foreign analysts saw the new 22-member cabinet as a judicious blend of old and new in line with Roh's campaign pledges of democratic change with stability.

They said this made it clear that social change would be introduced cautiously.

Meeting his new government team today, the President-elect told them: "Abolishing social frictions and unifying the country's energies will be a first step towards reuniting (the Korean peninsula) and its people."

## US unhappy over Soviet submarine for India

WASHINGTON, Feb 19, (AP): The recent lease by the Soviet Union of an atomic-powered submarine to India threatens to undermine efforts against the spread of nuclear weapons and

technology, a US State Department official says.

The United States regards the lease as "an unfortunate development," Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Robert Peck

told a congressional panel yesterday.

"Encouraging India, which has been a leading opponent of the non-Proliferation Treaty, in

the military uses of nuclear energy and provision of closely-held naval reactor technology would . . . in our view, undermine the international non-proliferation regimen."

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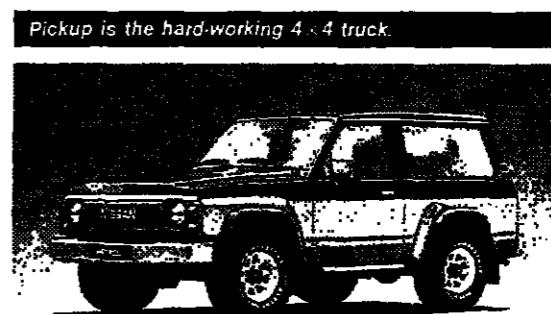


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## Bishara to visit Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb 19, (Reuters): The Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Abdulla Bishara, will confer with US Defence and foreign policy officials in Washington from next Monday, the State Department said yesterday.

Bishara's talks will concentrate on the Iran-Iraq war and efforts to have the United Nations Security Council pass a resolution enforcing an arms embargo against Iran, the State Department said.

The United States says it wants quick action on an embargo, which would follow a Security Council resolution last July that called for a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

Bishara will have talks with officials at the State Department, the Pentagon and the National Security Council during his visit, which ends on February 26.

## Old souk renovation to start soon

BARRAK, Abdul Mohsen Al Turky, the head of the Construction Projects Administration at Kuwait's Public Works Ministry, said that landscaping would begin soon on Amir Street as a part of the stage one work involving the renovation, construction and landscaping of the old souk and Mubarakiya School area.

Speaking to a local newspaper, Al Turky said that stage one would include construction of a number of shops in traditional architectural design near the Old Souk. He said that the overall plan for the area was to create architectural harmony between Souk Al Amir, Mubarakiya School and the mosque near the souk. He added that the car park would be changed to a courtyard which would blend with the overall traditional construction.

Landscaping the area between the Central Library and the Grand Souk Mosque and construction of a fountain are also planned for the area, he said.

## 41 summer clubs planned

ABDUL MOHSEN AL SAED, the Assistant Undersecretary of Education for Information and Student Affairs at Kuwait's Education Ministry, said the ministry will open 41 summer clubs from June 20 to August 22.

The summer clubs will be opened in all areas of the country and will offer cultural, religious, sports and social activities, Al Saed said. He added that club members would also visit local landmarks during the course of the summer.

## Mubarak's wife to visit UAE

ABU DHABI, Feb 19, (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's wife Suzan will make a week-long visit to the United Arab Emirates from March 14, the official Emirates news agency WAM said yesterday.

## Entrance test

ENTRANCE test for admission to Sainik Schools, 1988/89 session, will be held at the Indian embassy on Feb 21, at 8 am.

All candidates registered for the test are requested to report at the Indian embassy, Shara Isqal, 34 Bousheri Building along with registration/admission cards.

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## Zakat House supports 50 children in Hebron

MOHAMMED NASSER AL DIN, the Treasurer of the Hebron Zakat Committee, said the Zakat House supports 50 children and 500 families in Hebron and 200 other families in nearby villages and refugee camps.

School fees are also paid for 1,200 Hebron students by the committee, Al Din said, as well as tuition for 55 students enrolled at Hebron Islamic University.

In his speech the ambassador said that education should be vocational oriented and good values and principles of life should be well developed in pupils before they graduated from the school.

The highlight was a variety cultural programme that included various dances, English playlet and an Arabic play.

Jha then distributed the prizes.

## KD5,000 dowry

THE Jabian tribe has fixed the maximum dowry at KD 5,000, following the example of two other tribes.

The decision was taken on Wednesday evening during a tribal meeting attended by a large number of tribesmen.

The decision comes into effect from March 1.

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## Demand for skilled manpower increasing

ISMAEL AL SHATTI, the former Director of Kuwait's Institute for Technology, said the national demand for technical and professional manpower is constantly increasing as capital investments and economic activity increases.

Speaking at a symposium held by the Kuwait Teachers' Society, Al Shatti said the projected annual increase in Kuwait's demand for manpower up to the year 2000 was 3 per cent for engineers, 3.4 per cent for technologists and technicians and 3.8 per cent for skilled professional manpower.

He explained that the decrease in the number of Kuwaitis joining technical and professional works sectors, created the dependence on imported manpower. He added that a large percentage of Kuwaitis showed an interest in fine arts and social science at the expense of scientific disciplines.

## Cultural fund meeting looks into future projects

THE board of directors of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture, of which Kuwait is an active member, is currently meeting here to look into future projects worldwide and ways of allocating funds for them.

The fund, which offers moral and financial assistance to cultural efforts irrespective of geographical location or religion, has since inception in 1977 and until last year undertook 224 projects in 81 countries.

Out of the total expenditures of the fund, 40 per cent goes to finance government and similar official projects while the remaining 60 per cent covers projects presented by non-governmental and non-profit organisations.

Kuwait's Abdul-Aziz Hussein is member of the board of directors of the fund.

## Cheese free from bacteria

YOUSSEF AL MEILAM, the Director of Food and Shop Licences Department at Kuwait Municipality, said that all cheese marketed in Kuwait had been checked and was free of any harmful bacteria. Al Meilam's announcement followed information that Swiss authorities had removed a number of French and Swiss cheeses from the market because they had been found to contain harmful bacteria.

Kuwait's Health Ministry immediately surveyed import agents for Swiss and French cheeses to Kuwait and found that Kuwait had only one cheese, among those believed to be contaminated, on the market. The cheese was taken for laboratory tests where it was found to be suitable for consumption.

## Distribution of flags

THE supreme committee on celebrating the 27th National Day yesterday started distributing flags, pictures and stickers to ministries, corporations and citizens.

Distribution channels include schools, hospitals, non-profit societies, sport associations, Information Ministry's warehouses and youth centres.

## Cairo ready to assist Gulf states facing external threats

A TOP Egyptian military commander has strongly hinted in a press interview published in Kuwait on Thursday, that Cairo would help Arab Gulf states if they felt menaced by external threats and sought Egyptian assistance.

Deputy Premier and Minister of Defence and Military Production, Field Marshal Abdulhalim Abu Ghazalah told a Kuwaiti newspaper that such assistance would only come at the request of the Gulf states.

Abu Ghazalah pointed out that the Egyptian involvement could take a variety of forms such as cooperation in logistics, providing arms supplies, staff training and equipment maintenance in addition to exchange of military consultations.

He asserted that Egypt and President Mubarak in particular feel strongly about the national security of Arab Gulf states in light of the continuing hostilities

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present and future and to give dialogue precedence over the bullet," the top Egyptian official asked.

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He expressed satisfaction over military cooperation between Egypt and the US, saying it is mutually beneficial "and help stabilise the Middle East region."

Turning to the popular uprising in occupied Palestine, the defence minister stressed the need for dialogue between Arabs and Israelis, and argued that violence and force only breed chaos and lead to bloodshed.

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During the meeting, they reviewed bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest, the agency said.

## Kuwaiti envoy meets Bahraini leader

MANAMA, Feb 19, (Kuna): Kuwait Ambassador to Bahrain Ahmed Abdulla Al Mubaraki today met with the Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Gulf news agency reported.

During the meeting, they reviewed bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest, the agency said.

The delegates condemn the acts of rioting in the holy places during the hajj (pilgrimage) and denounce any party which

undertakes these acts, and support Saudi Arabia's position and the steps it takes . . . to preserve the security and safety of the pilgrims to God's house," the resolution said.

More than 400 people, most of them Iranian, were killed in clashes between Saudi security forces and Iranian demonstrators during the pilgrimage to Mak-

Mansouri's resolution was

greeted by applause from most

delegates. "I assume the acclamation means approval of the resolution," Mansouri said.

Saudi Arabia has warned Iran

against a repetition of last July's

events, while Tehran has spoken of "dark days" for the Saudis if they prevent Iranians taking part in the pilgrimage this year.

The road conference, attended

by delegations from 50 countries,

was opened on Saturday by

Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Bin Abdul Aziz.

Other recommendations adopted

earlier aimed at improving the

region's road networks.

## ROYAL COURT

### Congratulations

HH the Amir of Kuwait, on Thursday sent a cable of congratulations to Gambia's President Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara on his country's National Day.

### Cable of thanks

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah received a cable from the president of the Association of Arab Bourse thanking him for receiving the heads of the Arab delegations during the association's 7th session in Kuwait during February 12 to 14.

In his cable, the association's president lauded Kuwait's efforts in encouraging the association's march and Kuwait's own endeavours to bring the Bourse in the country to its present prestigious position.

Sheikh Saad replied, thanking the association for their efforts in promoting the role of the Arab Bourse and the service of the Arab economy.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### PLO urged to step up commando operations

A KUWAIT paper on Thursday called on the Palestine Liberation Organisation to reconsider its olive branch policy and step up commando operations in order to bolster the current popular uprising inside occupied Palestine.

Al Rai Al Aam, commenting editorially on the indefinite postponement of the Palestinian Ship of Return that was to take deportees to the occupied homeland, said the experience gives food for thought to the PLO.

The planned return voyage grounded when Israel blasted the ship on Monday in Limassol, Cyprus, should be the starting point for a new approach of Palestinian action, where, the paper urged, military operations gain the lead over political activity.

Al Rai Al Aam recalled that 20 years of political efforts exerted by the PLO were futile because of the US complete partiality to Israel, indicating in this respect that the recent American ideas on peace in the Middle East are more identical to Israel's stance than to addressing Arab and Palestinian demands and aspirations.

"World conditions," the daily said, "are now most opportune for lending strong impetus to (Palestinian) commando work to back up the internal uprising. Israel understands no language other than that of force and masters nothing but terrorism as an art of living and a means for survival," it concluded.

## GULF PRESS

### US naval fleet reduction

THE United Arab Emirates English language daily Gulf News commented editorially on the US announcement of a reduction in its naval fleet in the Gulf.

The reduction comes as "no surprise" said the Dubai-based daily Gulf News pointing out the US was receiving enough help from its allies.

"More warships and minesweepers have come in to protect their commercial vessels so there is no need for the US to carry more of the burden than is necessary," it said.

However it said "the Navies of the big powers are not moving quickly enough to assume the role of a UN force and to provide protection to all shipping regardless of where they are registered."

"The principle of freedom of navigation in international waters is not being served as a result. The tanker war continues with more damage to ships and more loss of lives every week," it added.

The paper urged for cooperation among the international fleets and eventual implementation of a Soviet proposal for a United Nations naval force in Gulf International waters.

"The big powers would gain much in the eyes of the world by urging their naval forces to act as if they were part of a UN force even if they were not," it said.

### Shultz stand criticised

THE Abu Dhabi based newspaper Al Ittihad criticised in its editorial the stand of US Secretary of State George Shultz who is scheduled to visit the Middle East soon.

Shultz had announced yesterday that he supports the Israeli stand on the Ship of Return. He said if the US was in Israel's place it would have prevented the ship from reaching New York.

The newspaper said "Shultz need not make such a statement to assert the American commitment to support Israel whether in regard to the Ship of Return or any other issue related to the Arab-Israeli struggle."

The newspaper added "the US has proved again that its leadership is governed by an administration which only accepts the strategic alliance with Israel despite all sincere calls to the contrary."

"The most clear and frank call came recently from the UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan who called on the US to pursue an American, rather than an Israeli policy," the newspaper went on to say.

The newspaper concluded "if Shultz had needed the advice of Sheikh Zayed he would have averted troubles facing his recent tour. But it seems that the US insists on the principle of permanently defending Israel."

### Motorist dies as car collides

A MOTORIST died when his car collided with another at the junction with Mina Abdallah bridge.

There were 35 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday. Eight took place in the capital, 13 in Hawalli, six in Al Khaldi and eight in Jahra.

The detectives seized two cars of whisky and KD 215 from one of the men.

## Road conference approves Saudi resolution against Iran

RIYADH, Feb 19, (Reuters): An International conference on road transport approved yesterday a last minute resolution by host Saudi Arabia condemning Iran for riots in Makkah last July.

Saudi Communications Minister Hussain Al-Mansouri told delegates the five-day conference was concerned with safety and the riots in Makkah had threatened the

## TV CORNER

## This week on KTV 2

**SUNDAY**  
 6.00 Holy Quran  
 6.10 The Lone Ranger: "High and Dry." Long Ranger's adventures continue for young viewers.  
 6.30 Butterly Island: "The Bad News Boat"  
 7.00 Understanding Islam: a weekly local show on Islam.  
 7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a wacky look at sporting events.  
 8.00 News in English  
 8.40 Hot Shots: "Wire of Habeas Corpus". A university professor dies in a way which suggests suicide. Amanda and Jason investigate.  
 9.30 Foley Square: "Nobody's Perfect"..  
 10.00 Q.E.D.  
 10.30 Best Seller  
 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

**MONDAY**  
 6.00 Holy Quran  
 6.10 Yogi's Treasure Hunt: cartoons  
 6.30 The Animal Express  
 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news, presented by KTV.  
 7.30 Don't Wait Up  
 8.00 News in English  
 8.40 The Law and Harry MacGraw: "Beware of Ides of May"  
 9.30 Horizon: BBC documentary.  
 10.30 Mini-Series: "A Year in the Life" Sam's wife meets her father-in-law for the first time and manages to over-

come her feelings of being perplexed.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

**TUESDAY**

6.00 Holy Quran  
 6.10 Rainbow Bright: Peril in the Pits — cartoons.  
 6.30 Side Kicks: "Petty Cash." Arnie and his friends find a key for a box in a baggage check room at the airport which contains a large sum of money.

7.00 Beyond 2000: a look at aeronautics, safety devices and wind as energy for generating electricity.

8.00 News in English

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Detective Harry MacGraw joins hands with his attractive lawyer friend to save another innocent victim in a show on Monday at 8.40 pm.

8.40 You and the Law: a local programme

8.50 Heart of the City: "Cezanne, and other Dreams." A group of criminals hold an innocent man as a hostage who eventually dies because of an argument among the policemen.

9.30 Documentary on Kuwait

10.00 Tracey Ulman Show: a 30-minute comedy featuring short sketches.

10.30 Feature Film

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

**WEDNESDAY**

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 The Get Along Gang: cartoons

6.30 Micro at Work: "Robots in Action". A look at robots used in games and weapons.

6.50 The Living Isles: "After

the Ice." The emergence of new fauna and flora following the retreat of glaciers in northern Scotland.

7.30 Growing Pains: "The Breakfast Club." Mike lies to his parents and is punished. But he catches his mother lying to her boss.

8.00 News in English

8.40 J.J. Starbeck

9.30 The World of Strange Power: "Walking on Fire."

10.00 Perfect Strangers: "Ladies and Gents."

Lari has a flu but refuses his cousin's suggestions for treatment.

10.30 Falcon Crest: "New Faces" Melissa leaves for Australia looking for her son while Angela meets the man she was once involved with who claims that

Richard is their son.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

**THURSDAY**

3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 Sports Studio: Big League Soccer, American basketball, and sports magazine.

6.00 Centauries: cartoon serial.

6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: "Toby Tyler."

7.00 Rags to Riches

8.00 News in English

8.40 Spenser for Hire

"White Night". A wealthy politician plans to get rid of Spenser's friend who is familiar with the rich man's secrets.

9.30 Bill Cosby Show: "Vanessa's Rich." Vanessa invites her friends out and gives them the impression that she comes from a wealthy

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

family.

10.00 Paul Daniels Magic Show: British illusionist Paul Daniels returns with more magic and tricks.

10.30 Late Night Movie

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

**FRIDAY**

3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 Sports Studio: roundup of world and local sporting events.

6.00 She Ra: Princess of Power: "A Loss of Words." Cartoons.

6.30 Alivolf: "Black Jack."

John is sent on a mission to the Far East where he is captured by the Khmer Rouge.

7.30 Spitting Image

8.00 News in English

8.40 Breaking Away

9.05 Matlock: "The Sisters".

An old man is charged with murder of his wife who was actually killed by two distant relatives, the twin sisters.

9.30 Weekend local programme

10.00 What A Country: "We are in the Muboto's". Muboto's plans to marry a rich girl interfere with his friendship with his colleagues. He is forced to choose between the two.

10.30 Wise Guy. The Crime investigation department manages to plant an agent in a criminal gang. He wins the confidence of the gang's boss and plans to avenge his colleague's death.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

12.05 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
 6.10 Thundercats: "The Thundercutter." Cartoons.

6.30 Moon Jumper: "Riding For Fall." Ted Masters arranges for a hunting race.

6.55 Noor Al Islam, presented by Ahmed Abdul Qadar. Guests are Yousef Al Rifai and Sheikh Ali Al Qattan

7.25 Nazrat Al Alam documentary

7.40 Security and Citizens

8.15 Good Evening and Local News

9.00 News in Arabic

9.50 Special programme on National Day

10.00 News in English

11.00 Dafatir Al Ayam

12.00 News Summary

Depesto's mother arrives from Mexico believing that she is needed to sort out the differences between her daughter and her lover. Starring: Bruce Willis, Cybill Shepherd.

9.30 Silk Road: "The Glory of Samarkand." This episode traces the history of Samarkand through centuries looking at its places of interest and its role in commercial activities between the East and the West.

10.30 Feature film

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus

The Highest Honour

Al Salimya

The Living Daylights

Al Hamra

Zaman Hatim Wahran

Al Firdous

Shahinshah

Fahabeel Open-air

Dard (Indian)

Fahabeel

Jalakam (Malayalam)

Al Jahra

Carry on Screaming

Drive-In

Rajul Fi Owein Imra'a

Granada

Tarzan New York Adventure

sulabikhat

Al Nimir Wa Al Ontha (Arabic)

Al Jeeb

Sarvakalasala (Malayalam)

Ahmad Drive-in

Rage of Honour

Feb 23: Mr Pip's Trip (animated). Watch Out, the Rounds.

Feb 24:

Janko: The Pea in the Gym. Cuckoo in the Dark Forest.

All films will be shown at 7.30 pm at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry auditorium. Children not allowed inside the auditorium. The festival has been organised by the Kuwait Cine Club.

## THEATRE

Kuwait Players  
 "Do Not Disturb," an adult comedy written by Michael Pertwee will be performed at 8 pm on Feb 22, 23, 24 and 25 at the Universal American School. For reservations ring 5613465; 5745838; 5618244. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## SOCIAL

Sur Sangeet Group  
 A variety show featuring Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu songs and ghazals will be held on Friday, 6 pm, at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel.

Ladies Tea Party  
 The International Ladies Tea Party will hold a fancy dress competition at their next meeting on March 2 at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. A karate expert will demonstrate self-defence techniques. For participating contact 5317390; 5386297.

Kuwait Irish Society  
 St Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 at the Holiday Inn Hotel. If interested contact — 5621701/5622701, 8 am to 2 pm or 5624715 after 2 pm.

Kuwait Natural History Group  
 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb 25, at 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School, Salwa. An illustrated talk on Peru will be given by Ms Kathleen Scanlon.

## SPORTS

Raft Race  
 Raft Race 1988 entry forms and rules are now available from the Messilah Beach Hotel. First captain's meeting at MBH, Al Foz Suite, on March 1, 6.30 pm. For further details contact the hotel, ext. 712/731/705.

Ladies Sports Club  
 Application forms are available from the Ras Al Ardh Sea Club for the proposed Ladies Sports club. The club opens from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 7 pm. Tel: 5740670.

Soccer Team  
 A group of young Italians are organising a European Soccer team. If you are interested please contact Carlo on Tel: 2445120/1/2/3/705.

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## WHAT'S ON

## CINEMA

Czech Cinema  
 "Introducing Czechoslovak Cinema" will be held from Feb 20 to 24. A selection of animated and feature films will be shown.

Feb 20: Visit Prague (animated film): followed by feature "Last Greetings from the Planet Earth".

Feb 21: Service (animated); and The Seller of Humour.

Feb 22: The King and the Goblin (animated); and Hurry, He's Coming.

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Feb 26: Drive-In: Rajul Fi Owein Imra'a.

Feb 27: Al Andalus: The Highest Honour.

Feb 28: Fahabeel: Jalakam (Malayalam).

Feb 29: Al Jahra: Carry on Screaming.

# ARAB TIMES

**Thought for today**

EVERYBODY thinks of changing humanity, and nobody thinks of changing himself — Leo Tolstoy, Russian novelist (1828-1910).

## OPINION

### Israel is frightened of stone-throwing

WE have said that if the Palestinian Revolution is to achieve its goals, it must continue, and from all appearances, it is continuing.

Its leadership has announced itself in the name of the Unified Command. Whatever its leadership is, we respect it because it operates from inside the occupied territories.

Brilliant speeches and numerous parties do not frighten the enemy. It has been proven beyond any doubt that Israel is afraid of the stones thrown by children — not by elegant banquets held in international capitals.

Israel is frightened by the stone-throwing children, who have continued to throw their stones for over 70 days. The people of the Arab world are pleased at the uprising and hope to see it intensify.

Of course, this does not mean that the work done outside of Palestine, when it is organised, will have no influence. On the contrary, if the Palestinians outside of Palestine were organised they could play an important role and accomplish a lot. For example, the Ship of Return could be ships. We could start the march of return and cross the borders, boarding planes going to occupied Palestine.

This would be better than bombing a US embassy in London, hijacking a Dutch aircraft from Madrid or killing someone at the Vienna Airport. These acts will not help the Palestinian cause and will, in fact, be used against it.

The Ship of Return is a symbol of progressive thinking which will contribute to evoking world sympathy in favour of the Palestinian cause. It will make the cause come alive in the foreign media, such as it is now, with the media reporting the news about the Palestinian uprising and sharply criticising Israel. This criticism has come from Israel's friends in the US, London, Paris and even Holland, who have a long history of kissing the feet of Israel.

The Ship of Return, if supported by other efforts like the ones we have mentioned, will certainly add to Israel's problems. These problems will also be compounded by the popularity of the Palestinian Unified Command, which now leads the uprising.

Whatever this leadership is, it has surfaced from the Palestinian struggle to direct the Palestinians who have stood up after waiting 40 years for Palestine to be returned to them through London airport, through a Jordanian-Palestinian dispute, through fighting in the Ain Al Helwa refugee camp in Lebanon.

Israel is now paying for its arrogance, thinking the Palestinian people had forgotten their cause, their land and their dignity. The price Israel must pay for this mistake might be very costly. It might even suffer what it suffered 2,000 years ago; if it was really in Palestine at that time, as it claims.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

### Harare aims for one-party state

By Tonic Sakalke

HARARE, (Reuter): Zimbabwe's two biggest black political parties, which signed a unity pact last year, aim to achieve one-party rule by April 18, the country's eighth anniversary of independence.

The agreement is intended to end a long spell of political rivalry between the majority Shona-speaking members of the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front (Zanu-PF), and the former opposition Patriotic Front-Zimbabwe African People's Union (PF-Zapu), which draws most of its support from the minority Ndebele tribe.

The Dec 22 accord has to be ratified next month by separate congresses of both parties, which fought together in the seven-year guerrilla war that led to independence in 1980.

Political analysts said President Robert Mugabe, who heads Zanu-PF, and PF-Zapu leader Joshua Nkomo, are determined to see it succeed, and both parties have launched a campaign to sell it to grassroots supporters at joint rallies organised mainly in western Matabeleland province, PF-Zapu's powerbase.

**Approve**

Analysts expect both congress to approve the union which will set Zimbabwe, Africa's youngest nation, firmly on the path to Marxist-Leninist government, Mugabe's cherished goal since he came to power eight years ago.

One analyst in the Matabeleland capital, Bulawayo, told Reuters the majority in the province supported unity and, consequently, the proposed one-party state.

"They say unity has long been overdue," he added.

Another analyst said a faction of hard-core opponents to the unity agreement felt Nkomo had sold out to Zanu-PF, while a majority backed it largely because he was behind it.

"However, there is a psy-

### Israel parallels South Africa

## Differences and similarities of two regimes

By Ned Temko

LONDON: In happier days, an Israeli spokesman I know used to like recalling the first time he met a South African diplomat. My friend was sitting in his office when the visitor burst in and declared, "Given the parallels between our countries' situation in the world, I thought we might compare notes on dealing with the news media."

"Get out of here!" the Israeli snapped. "And don't you ever compare a racist government like yours with the state of Israel!"

Yet these days, the eerie same-ness of televised Palestinian unrest and (now censored) footage of violence in black South African townships makes the question inescapable: Just how are these two turbulent societies alike, and how aren't they?

As is often the case with such grand international analogies, the picture that emerges is complex. There are differences and similarities. Yet both help explain the present upheaval in Israel. And both suggest that managing this conflict is likely to become even more difficult for the Israeli government in the months ahead.

In one respect, the Israeli

official would be every bit as justified today as a few years ago in booting the South African visitor out of his office. It is true that both Israel and South Africa face nationalistic unrest at home. Both are bordered by states (Arab, or black African) sympathetic to the protesters. Both are often and acridly criticised by the world outside. And each has cooperated with the other, with South African gold fed directly to Israel. For instance, in a swap for Israeli arms, military material, and expertise.

Racism

But Israeli society has never imposed the kind of codified racism embodied in South Africa's apartheid. Distinctly South African, too, is apartheid's founding premise that white "purity" must be protected from black pollution, and the attendant mania for classifying human beings by degrees of whiteness. For Israelis, many of whom survived death camps rooted in a not dissimilar ideology of racial purity, this distinction is understandably important.

The historical context of Israeli discrimination against Palestinian Arabs also differs from that of South Africa. The modern state of Israel arose, in

1948, on the battlefield: a victory of Zionist settlers over the assembled resistance of neighbouring Arab armies to a Jewish state — even if created along with an Arab one in a partitioned Palestine.

It was not until the late 1970s — after three further wars with surrounding Arab countries — that Israel's general state of war with the Arab world was denied by the peace treaty with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat. In a real sense, Israel had reason to consider indigenous Palestinian Arabs an enemy within.

### Benefits

Still, the course by which Israel chose to manage this relationship is in ways "South African". If Israel is not a racist state, it is an essentially theocratic one in which Jews (a category as closed to Palestinian Arabs, as whiteness is to South African blacks) are the senior partners. Israeli identity cards stipulate whether the holder is Jewish or Arab. A de facto residential apartheid has arisen in some areas.

Some official social benefits are linked to service in the Israeli military. Arabs (with the exception of the small Druze community that sided with Palestine's

Jews from the start) do not serve in the Army. Briefly and unsuccessfully, during the Camp David peace process, Israel even hoped to meet Palestinian national aspirations through an intricately limited "autonomy" plan reminiscent of South Africa's doomed attempt to manufacture black "homelands".

For the nearly 1.5 million Palestinians who live in Gaza and the West Bank — territories captured from Egypt and Jordan, respectively, in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war — the equation is much starker. These Arabs, in contrast to those Palestinians who stayed put while hundreds of thousands fled in 1948, are not Israeli citizens at all. They cannot vote. Though they commute in huge numbers to work in Israeli cities, they are barred from living there. They can be held without trial for security offences. They can be "deported". Even elected West Bank mayors have in the past been summarily helicopter out of the land of their birth.

Internationally, too, there are similarities between the crises Israel and South Africa now face at home. Israel, like South Africa, considers itself of Western

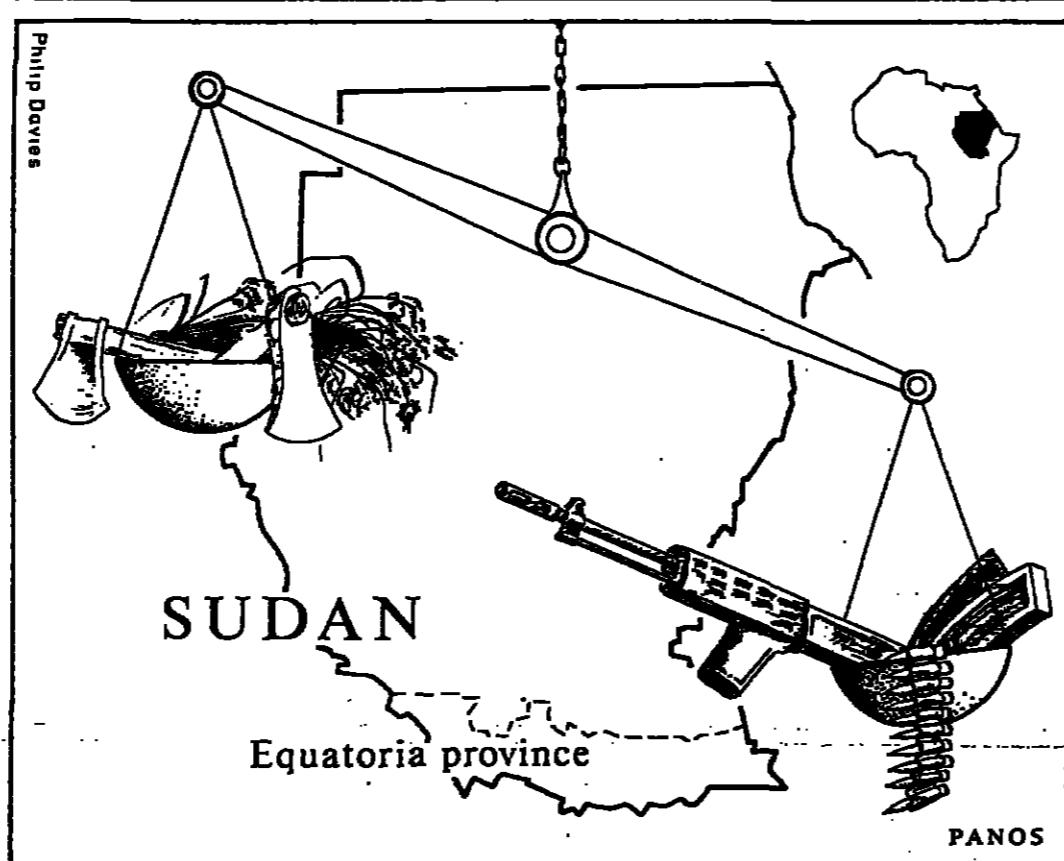
democratic nations. This implies considerable constraints on how harshly a government can deal with unrest.

How? For one thing, the founders of Israel were for the most part Europeans who have retained far closer ties with Europe than the Afrikans have. For another, an Israeli state that lacks the gold and platinum, manganese and uranium, of South Africa is critically dependent on Western (principally American) economic support.

The first element in this equation is changing. "Sephardic" Jews, of Mideast origin, now outnumber the "Ashkenazi" Europeans who founded the state. Together, they outnumber Palestinians by about 6 to 4, even if one counts the West Bankers and Gazans.

Even as the government seeks to use muscle to quell Palestinian unrest, the political difficulties with such a policy are likely to grow — in the shape of pressure from a United States government that provides more than \$3 billion in annual military and economic aid to Israel, and whose voters are witnessing, almost nightly on TV, South African-style confrontations between stone-tossing youths and heavily armed Army units.

The Christian Science Monitor.



### War in southern Sudan worsens famine further

By Alfred Logune Taban

LONDON: Thousands of people displaced by war and drought in southern Sudan are at risk of starvation. The war is disrupting efforts to provide relief and assistance, and in the latest assault 10 food aid trucks were commanded "by mistake" by the Sudanese army. Meanwhile rebel groups are destroying roads and further disrupting food supplies.

The Sudanese government has claimed that a local commander made a "mistake" when he hijacked 10 lorries owned by the relief organisation Oxfam last month — and agreed to return them.

The brightly-painted yellow lorries formed part of a 30-strong fleet, worth some £400,000, being used by the Combined Agencies Relief Team (CART) to get supplies from Juba, the capital of Equatoria province, to more remote parts of southern Sudan, where the Sudanese Peoples' Liberation Army (SPLA) is waging a bush war against what it terms the "minority Arab ruling clique" in Khartoum.

**Protested**

In London, the UK's Minister for Overseas Development, Chris Patten, had protested "in the strongest possible terms" to the Sudanese government over the Army's action — and an Oxfam spokesperson added that there could be "quite serious consequences for the relief programme". To date, seven of the lorries have been reported returned.

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However, the SPLA is severely restricting the availability of food, primarily through disrupting transport. Food deliveries from outside the region are being particularly hampered.

SPLA forces have been mining roads and destroying bridges, making it difficult for relief aid from abroad to find its way to Juba or other areas.

Over 1,000 tonnes of food

donated by the EEC remained stranded at Aba, Eastern Zaire, for well over three months because a vital road bridge link in Sudan had been blown up by the SPLA.

Equatoria, Sudan's southernmost region, has suffered severely from a combination of drought and the continuing civil war, the latest round of which has been conducted in the area for over five years. Last April, when rain began to fall, crops were planted in three districts, Juba, Orit and Kapoeta — representing over half of Equatoria. But the rainfall turned out to be well below normal.

**Lost**

By June 1987, the rain had stopped completely and the inhabitants of these districts lost all their crops. Many of them migrated to urban centres like Juba, where they are now living on handouts from voluntary aid organisations. There are over 100,000 such displaced people in Equatoria, about 40,000 of whom are in Juba.

**Starvation**

The people of Equatoria used to have no qualms about food shortages because Yei, 160km to the west of Juba, acted as a granary and was always able to supply food in times of crop failure. However, this is no longer the case, as food had become part of the tactics of war. When Yei farmers began to plant in August last year, the SPLA appeared and planting was stopped.

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**Deficit**

The director of agriculture in Juba's provincial government, Wesley Malawa Chicago, says Equatoria has lost 57 per cent of its food requirement, estimated to be 171,340 tonnes. Chicago claims that because of this food deficit, 900,000 people — about three quarters of the population of Equatoria — are now faced

with starvation. He says the people need 36,000 tonnes of dura (sorghum), 36,000 tonnes of maize, 24,000 tonnes of groundnuts, 46,000 tonnes of beans, 15,000 tonnes of wheat flour, a million litres of edible oil and enough dry fish to feed 800,000 people, if widespread death through starvation is to be avoided. In Nimule and other areas in the eastern sector of Equatoria, several people alive already starved to death.

In order to help meet the long-term food requirements in the rural areas, Chicago claims that 600,000 hoes, 120,000 axes, 120,000 pangas and 120,000 sickles will be needed by early 1988 if disaster in the next growing season is to be avoided.

He adds that seeds are also required, as all the available seeds have already been consumed as food. A minimum of 1,000 tonnes of maize, 800 tonnes of sorghum, 10,560 tonnes of groundnut and 1,600 tonnes of bean seeds are needed this February for distribution ready for the next planting season.

The provincial government has already declared Equatoria "hunger stricken" and hence a disaster area. However, the declaration has been nullified by the attitudes of the national government and the SPLA.

**Exaggerated**

The national Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dr Omer Nur el Dein, believes the figures given by the Equatoria government are exaggerated. The Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Salih Abdel Salam, also says that the country has enough food, especially dura, and the major problem is one of transportation and distribution.

Because of SPLA activity, road journeys in Equatoria are now both hazardous and time consuming. Vehicles travel in convoys for safety, but attacks upon them are becoming more commonplace. Two lorries travelling in a convoy along the Juba-Yei road in December were blown up and the journey, which used to take a few hours, now takes at least four days as a result of the increasing number of assaults and deteriorating road conditions.

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**Ozal warns of belt-tightening**

ANKARA, (Reuter): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal has warned that 1988 will be a year of self-sacrifice in Turkey but vowed to remain committed to economic liberalisation, the mass-circulation Hurriyet newspaper reported yesterday.

"From the point of view of our debts, 1988 will be the heaviest year," Hurriyet quoted Ozal as telling members of his centre-right Motherland Party on Thursday.

"We will make a programme. We will tighten the belt. 1988 will be a year of self-practice," he said.

Ozal's office declined to comment on the report. Turkey needs to repay \$6.7 billion of debt this year and inflation is currently 60 per cent.

"Inflation must be reduced in the next couple of years ... this can only be done by reducing consumption and increasing savings. We have no other remedy. We will do it," Ozal said.

Ozal said government intervention this month to support the price of the Turkish lira did not mean free market goals had been abandoned.

**Second spy**

WASHINGTON, Feb 19, (Reuter): US Justice Department officials concluded Israel almost certainly had a second American spy besides Jonathan Pollard, the Washington Post said today.

It said Pollard told investigators his Israeli controllers had shown him information including a highly sensitive index to US intelligence documents that American officials believe came from a second American spy, the newspaper said.

favours muscle in handling the Palestinians, and insists that the West Bank is an inalienable part of the biblical "Land of Israel." Labour would like a long-term political settlement with the Palestinians, implying some form of compromise over the occupied territories.

The next Israeli elections are set for November at the latest. Barring a self-destructive Likud leadership struggle between Prime Minister Shamir and Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, the expectation is that Likud will emerge with a widened edge over Labour, perhaps sufficient to govern alone.

But the problem of Israel is that the second part of the equation governing its ties with the West remain unchanged. Even as the government seeks to use muscle to quell Palestinian unrest, the political difficulties with such a policy are likely to grow — in the shape of pressure from a United States government that provides more than \$3 billion in annual military and economic aid to Israel, and whose voters are witnessing, almost nightly on TV, South African-style confrontations between stone-tossing youths and heavily armed Army units.

The Labour Party of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is primarily Ashkenazi. Likud

The Christian Science Monitor.

### Merchant ships innocent victims of Gulf war

By Thomas O'Dwyer

DUBAI, (Reuter): Midnight banter with three on-duty colleagues aboard a Gulf supertanker ended for Carsten Andersen "when the whole world exploded."

The young Dane woke temporarily blinded by blood and wondering if he had been electrocuted by the light switch he had just touched. He hadn't.

The 23-year-old second officer of the Danish supertanker Kate Maersk was the latest innocent victim in the war by Iran

# A rock 'n' roll great tells his story

By Richard Heller

TEENAGERS were invented during the 1950s. Chuck Berry's music was one of the things which created them — and made parents worry.

He wrote nearly 300 songs which are jammed with subversive energy. They celebrated dangerous, illicit things like dancing all night, ogling teenage girls at the record machine and driving to nowhere in an automobile.

As a schoolboy, listening to Chuck Berry anywhere made feel instantly and totally out of bounds.

After 30 years the energy and daring of these songs is intact. To prove it, try listening to You Can't Catch Me on your car stereo and see if you can keep below the speed limit. Or listen to Memphis and see if you can resist dialing Long Distance Information to ask for the number of Marie.

What sort of man could generate such a volume of exhilarating art? The wizard himself gives some answers in Chuck Berry: The Autobiography.

It is an absorbing account of a crowded life, although his prose is not as sharp as his lyrics. Besides music it contains a great deal of love, sex and money.

Chuck Berry was born 61 years ago in Goode Avenue, St. Louis. It was a lucky street name, and he made it immortal in the song which celebrates his life — Johnny B. Goode.

Poor

His family was poor, black, close-knit, respectable, Baptist and musical. At 18 he shocked them by serving a three-year prison sentence for auto theft. On release he played guitar in clubs, until a chance meeting with the great blues singer, Muddy Waters, set him on the way to a recording contract.

His first release, Maybeline, gatecrashed the Top Ten in 1955 to make him the first black rock 'n' roll star. Dozens of hits followed and became standards, including Carol, Sweet Little Sixteen, and No Particular Place To Go. He made the only Christmas record (Run Rudolph Run) which

Chuck Berry, one of rock 'n' roll's greatest exponents and author of such classics as 'Roll Over Beethoven' and 'Johnny B. Goode' now writes of his own triumphs over adversity, discrimination and denial.



Chuck Berry: after 30 years the energy and daring of his songs is still intact

created it continuously, even in prison (he served two prison terms as a star, once on a highly dubious charge of white slavery).

He had the artist's gift for storing and exploiting memories. He overheard a garage mechanic's words of frustration and turned them into Too Much Monkey Business. His own frustration as a child waiting for his sister to finish her piano practice became Roll Over Beethoven. On his way up to stardom — and after — Chuck Berry had to fight through discrimination and outright racism.

He was brought up in a neighbourhood where he never saw a white face close to until the firemen came to put out a fire. He was swindled repeatedly — and forced to share credit and royalties for Maybellene with two white people who had not written a note or a word.

Even as a star he was refused service in restaurants and 'white' hotels. He faced discrimination in business, and in the courtroom.

His early publicity photographs were underexposed to deny his race. trip?

Yes, for two reasons. First, this is a portrait of an authentic, original, legendary genius. Second, it is a story of triumph over adversity and racism.

Berry was sustained, driven and possessed by music. He

deserves to be played rather than friseed.

He influenced almost every rock performer to follow him — notably the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. There is nothing wrong with their cover versions of his songs — but beside the originals makes them sound sedate, something for grown-ups.

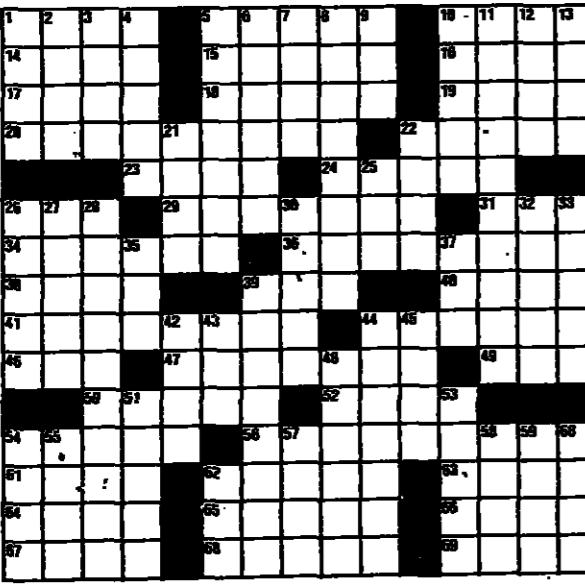
So what? Is this book more than another showbiz autobiography and nostalgia trip?

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A racist society cannot stifle genius. But only a genius may hope for respect from it.

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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
DEclare A LOSING OPTION

Both vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**  
♦ A J 5  
♥ K J  
♦ Q 8 5 3  
♣ A K J 5

**WEST**  
♦ Q 10 4 ♠ 8 6 3  
♥ 8 6 4 3 ♦ 10 9 7 5 2  
♦ A 6 2 ♠ 4  
♣ 9 8 3 ♣ Q 7 4 2

**EAST**  
♦ K 9 7 2  
♥ A Q  
♣ K J 10 9 7  
♦ 10 6

**SOUTH**  
♦ K 9 7 2  
♥ A Q  
♣ K J 10 9 7  
♦ 10 6

The bidding:

North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass  
6 NT Pass Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♠

When you have a choice of cards to play, it is right to take the one you are known to hold. It won't always make a difference, but on occasion it can prove devastating. Consider this hand.

No matter what happens in the next 11 months, we feel South's initial action qualifies for the "worst bid of the year" award. With 13 prime points and a distributional hand, there was no earthly reason

not to bid the hand naturally. Had he done so, a reasonable six diamond contract would have been reached rather than a poor six no trump.

West led his top club, and declarer had his work cut out for him. After forcing out the ace of diamonds he would have 10 top tricks, and the only place to look for two more was in spades. He won the first trick in dummy and led a diamond to the ten and ace. The club return was taken on the table, and after running four rounds of diamonds the moment of truth had arrived. Declarer led a spade and finessed the jack, and the first hurdle had been crossed when the finesse succeeded.

Declarer still needed more from the spade suit. He cashed the ace and West followed with the card he was known to hold, the queen. Now declarer had a choice of plays. He could either play for the 3-3 split or else finesse East for the ten. After some thought, he decided to treat West's queen as an honest card and finesse. The net result was that the defenders collected a spade and two club tricks in addition to the diamond ace, for down three!

**ACROSS**

- 1 Profound
- 2 Unburden
- 3 Great Lake port
- 4 Resounds
- 5 Expedite
- 6 Wood
- 7 Language of Pakistan
- 8 Most ineffectual
- 9 Marshy place
- 10 Hope or Jessica
- 11 Shock
- 12 "How do I love —?" E.B. Browning
- 13 Meeting Abbr.
- 21 Novelist Gray
- 22 Author Seton
- 25 Fund-raising org., in a way
- 26 Kitchen utensil
- 27 Trivial
- 28 Shunned
- 30 Riyadh resident
- 32 Bring back
- 33 Worship
- 35 Moreover
- 37 Bed-and-breakfast spot
- 39 Stun
- 42 Butcher's cut
- 43 Permit
- 44 Hyde
- 45 Pooch of pictures
- 48 Wrote
- 51 Regards
- 53 Tangle
- 54 Jezebel's husband
- 55 Chantilly product
- 57 Jot
- 58 Wagon
- 59 Sailor's saint
- 60 Bank business
- 62 Scull

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

ACTS	DRA	SCAM
SILAT	AIL	POSE
SAUR	NOISE	ANTE
ESPIED	GENT	SIT
THE PARENT	TRAP	
STUD	SILICA	
TONER	HOPES	DES
APEXES	ILET	
RYAN'S	DAUGHTER	
SAM	DOER	DOUBLE
CROP	OPINE	JOIN
ALSO	PAVER	ANTA
NOTE	LEGS	SEEN



"Good news and bad news. The good news is he won't be scratching your furniture anymore."

## Tiffany slips to No. 2

# Pet Shop Boys, Springfield top US charts

NEW YORK. (AP) What Have I Done To Deserve This by the Pet Shop Boys and Dusty Springfield leaped into the number one position among best selling single pop records in the United States. The disc was in fourth place a week ago.

Could've Been by Tiffany slipped to second spot after two weeks at the top of the Cash Box magazine pop singles chart. Eric Carmen's Hungry Eyes stayed on at third for the second week in a row.

Last week's number two hit, Need You Tonight by Inxs, topped to sixth.

New to the top ten list this week were Patrick Swayze's She's Like The Wind, up from 11th to 7th, and Never Gonna Give You Up by Rick Astley, up from 14th to 10th.

Climbing fast up the top ten ladder was George Michael's Father Figure, up from 10th to 5th.

As for the country-and-western singles, Merle Haggard took over the top of the Cash Box magazine chart with Twinkle, Twinkle Lucky Star. Rosanne Cash was second with Tennessee Flat Top Box. I Won't Take Less Than Your Love by Tanya Tucker, with Paul Davis and Paul Overstreet (Capitol), was third.

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George Michael: climbing fast on the Top Ten ladder

2. (1) Could've Been — Tiffany (RCA)
3. (3) Hungry Eyes — Eric Carmen (RCA)
4. (5) Seasons Change — Expose (Arista)
5. (10) Father Figure — George Michael (Columbia)
6. (2) Need You Tonight —

## Former pop star tells of group rivalry

# Abba not on speaking terms

By Chrissy Iley

FORMER Abba star Agnetha Faltskog spoke recently about the bitterness which marred their success and led to her shunning other members of the group after they split up four years ago.

Agnetha said she had 'no interest' in talking to Benny Andersson and Annifrid Lyngstad or only speaks to the group's creator Bjorn Ulvaeus for taking to a white woman.

The singer insisted she was 'much happier' on her own. 'I never had anything in common

with Benny and Frida. They were partying, cosmopolitan types and I'm a simple, homely Swedish girl.'

'Our work was the only thing that kept us speaking. We never saw each other out of context. We led different lives.'

'My priority was to stay in my homeland. It's the only place I could be happy. I'm not materialistic. I'd rather have peace of mind and a few thousand less. I also had my children's education to think of.'

Agnetha, who has radically altered her image to help a pop

comeback, said the four stars were often squabbling about how to do things.

'Strangely enough, tension eased when Bjorn and I divorced. I have to speak to him because we have two children. But I've absolutely no interest in talking to the others again.'

'I couldn't wait to get out of that marriage. It was painful but we made the same mistake as so many people — we got married too young and changed into different people.'

The group took the pop world by storm with hits like Waterloo, Mama Mia and



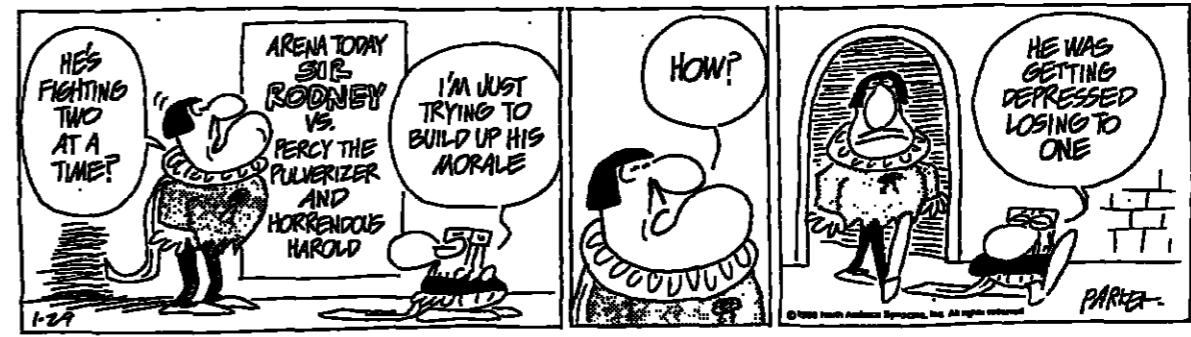
Former Abba star Agnetha Faltskog

Dancing Queen. At the height of their fame, they were individual multi-millionaires and had sold 150 million records by 1979.

Now, 38-year-old Agnetha has a problem living up to the image of her old publicity pictures as she relaunches her career with a solo single The Last Time.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.



By Johnny Hart

## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's influence will help you to think for yourself. You should make sure of your facts before you state an opinion. Do not let your personal life take second place to work. Be reasonable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You should avoid doing anything that might give rise to confusion. Make sure you observe speed limits even if some others do not. Do not do anything spiteful or hurtful. Be a little more tolerant.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will feel a little more aggressive and should try to contain yourself. You should not allow secondary matters to take up too much of your time. Rely more on yourself than on others. Be generous.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You should avoid gambling with more than you can readily afford to lose. The better influence of Saturn, Uranus and Neptune will help you to plan for the future.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

A new idea will enable you to deal with a rather unusual problem. You have no reason to lose confidence in yourself. You will be able to do something to further your partner's. Your personal situation will take a turn for the better.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will be able to take a good opportunity. You should not do anything that would upset your relationship with a relative of your partner's. Your personal situation will take a turn for the better.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will find it easier to stay on good terms with your neighbours. Some friends of yours will be grateful to you for your advice. You should not expect to have all things your own way. Be cordial.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You should not allow yourself to be told what to do. You should however listen to and take good advice. Pay a little more attention to your health. Be considerate.



**Khanna plus Khanna spells money at the box office**

## Take two in the Rajesh - Dimple soap opera

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

FILM events are taking place at such a hectic pace that it is difficult even for the people in the business to keep track of them or follow all their complex implications.

The biggest surprise of them all was the coming together of Rajesh Khanna and Dimple Kapadia (Khanna). For many years it had been a case of Khanna versus Khanna and the matter nearly reached the divorce court. But in true filmy style, of tales like *Do Kaliyan* or *Pyar Ke Do Pal*, the two daughters seem to have brought them together, at least to work together for the present. But then there is more to it.

It's not just a question of no permanent friends and no permanent enemies in filmdom. It is the call of the commercial that makes "strange bedfellows", as Shakespeare said. Well, Rajesh and Dimple have been old bed-fellows but they were torn asunder due to Rajesh's resolve of not allowing Dimple to work in films. She took the hard route of staying separately with her daughters, struggling to carve out her career again and at last achieving commercial success with some lucky hits. On the other hand Rajesh's fortunes went down. His long romance with Tina soured, while Dimple's affair with Sunny remained steady. The films made with Tina like *Adhikar* and *Alag Alag* were huge flops, and his career went downhill as a whole. Dimple on the other hand went high on the film horizon, with a great number of films on hand.

When Rajesh recently planned his own multi-star production *Jai Shiv Shaaskar* as a last ditch effort to keep himself in the main stream, he had decided opt for Sujatha Mehta. He was still too proud and obstinate to ask Dimple, though she had shown signs of relenting. According to their close friends it was they who wanted the stars to re-unite and so they worked behind the scenes. Dimple was told about the role and the film. Like a good wife (or even ex-wife) she wanted to help a crumbling husband. Then Rajesh was told that Dimple was willing to work, if he called her over and had a

After a bitter and acrimonious separation, Rajesh Khanna and wife Dimple Kapadia are together again for the cameras at least. Our Bombay correspondent Firoze Rangoonwalla gives the inside story on this sensational casting.



The Khannas celebrate: will their professional relationship become a personal one?

chat, even if only on a professional level. He did that and so Sujatha was out and Dimple was in.

### Victory

It was a victory of business over emotions. Rajesh also realises that a film starring both of them together for the first time and after such a long bitter quarrel will have instant box-office value for distributors as well as cine-goers. The film would command a much higher price than with any other star combination. It might make Rajesh prosperous as a producer and again acceptable

as an actor. Dimple on her part knows that since Rajesh's inheritance is going to the daughters, she will only be making an investment by acting almost free in the film.

Anyway, the project aroused great expectations and excitement in the industry, when it was launched with a formal "muhurat". All the three stars pairs were present, including Poonam, Jeetendra, Chunky and Sangeeta Bijlani. Actually, Rajesh and Dimple are not featuring as lovers. Rather his love for her goes unfulfilled, while Poonam sym-

pathises with him. So, people who are expecting it to be another real-life enactment, like the way Amitabh, Jaya Bhaduri and Rekha did in "Sil-sil", will be in for disappointment. At least, Rajesh and Dimple have not stopped to exhibiting their personal life for commercial gains. The film is being re-made from a Malayalam hit *Vartha* which has an entirely different story. The title *Jai Shiv Shaaskar* is also not what it seems to be, namely a call to the Hindu gods or a chanting of holy words. It refers to the three heroes ... *Jai* (Rajesh) who is an investigative journalist, *Shiv* (Jeetendra) a hired killer and *Shankar* (Chunky) a playboy. The whole film has a political undertone, as the honest newspaper editor fights against the wrong elements in authority. In turn they try to finish him off. The second hero reforms under his influence, the third is the brother of the main heroine. It ends in tragedy. In the Malayalam film, Mohanlal, Mamooty and Rehman played the roles. Director I.V. Sasi used many formulas. Since Sasi has lost the Hindi market due to flops, ("Anokha Rishta" with Rajesh-Sabina), the present version is directed by S.A. Chandrasekhar, of "Kudrat Ka Kanoon".

Rajesh Khanna, despite his loss of star status, still commands respect and credit. Dozens of film folks turned up at the "muhurat" and party. The first auspicious shot was taken, not on Dimple, but on Poonam. Dimple arrived rather late and Jeetendra still later. Khanna was getting a dose of his own medicine as a producer. But he kept up a serious mood. No doubt he was



Rajesh Khanna: gone back on past resolutions

inwardly upset since he had planned the ceremony to be held in the morning. In his heyday as a superstar, his day used to begin in the afternoon. Now he has to wait for others.

But when Dimple at last came, he stepped over to receive her. She too changed from a nervous to a happy mood. As they sat down together, she fed him sweets. People clapped loudly and photographers clicked furiously. Both seemed happy at being together. Then Rajesh started shooting in a businesslike way from the first day itself. The first scene was filmed on the two, with Dimple sitting alone in an office when Rajesh walks in. They ask each other: "How are you keeping?" "We have met after years. It seems a whole era has passed away". It came quite close to real life, but the film itself will be different.

Many rumours have begun to float about the real reasons for the re-union. To some extent the two daughters have played a part in it. Rajesh used to call Twinkle for his earlier launchings, though he would not see Dimple's face. Once they were shooting by chance in the same studio. After waiting for two days, Dimple went to greet him but Rajesh only frowned and even drove out the lensman who clicked them. Then they happened to meet in Nairobi where Dimple was shooting and Rajesh came over to meet the kids. For the first time, the ice was broken in a strange land and the family spent some time together. From then on, it was repeatedly said that Rajesh wanted Dimple back in his (newly renovated) Aashirwad bungalow. She gave statements that she would act with him face to face but never as a guest star, and without any personal attachment.

Then they arrived at a friendly arrangement, where they would stay together for the sake of children but not as husband and wife. Dimple also kept talking of "her man" (Sunny), in whom she had full faith and understanding. And then came Rajesh's film, where Dimple vows to cooperate in a strictly professional sense alone. Rajesh has already swallowed his ego and gone back on his past resolutions by signing Dimple. He is being accused of doing this to benefit from her cash value as a star. He also wants to show a clean family image to his political party, Congress (I). Now what remains to be seen, as the film gets shot and released, is whether the professional relation turns into a personal one or not.

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and Asha now suppress their own relative? \*\*\*

Prakash Mehra's *Jadoogar* which went on floors recently was actually started nine years ago. The stars then were Rajesh Khanna and Shatrughan Sinha. We admire Mehra's patience of living with the subject so long. \*\*\*

Giving strange competition to Lata is Padmini Kolhapure. After marriage, she has quit acting and started singing. She recorded a solo song, an exciting "lavani", for Devan Varma's *Daana Pani*. And she threatens to take up playback singing as a career. Will Lata

be able to do justice to the role? \*\*\*

Sonu Walia had got only one role as a movie actress in "Aakarshan". Then she began to woo Raj Sippy. And now she has a plum role in his "Mahadeva", as a good-hearted fallen woman. But unlike Saaniya, Sonu or Sonia (her real name) is keeping her affairs to herself. So producers like her all the more and bigger offers are coming her way. \*\*\*

Mithun and Sridevi are like ill-fated lovers who cannot come together except before the camera. The latest about them is that Sri's mother hovers around suspiciously, whenever they are shooting, ever since the heroine declared Mithun out of bounds on personal level. Even the make-up room is kept crowded with people. All that poor Mithun can do is to whisper sweet words, when they are singing, dancing, romancing in front of the camera as well as two dozen unit members.



Saaniya: losing respect as well as roles

## ARAB TIMES MONTHLY

# BINGO

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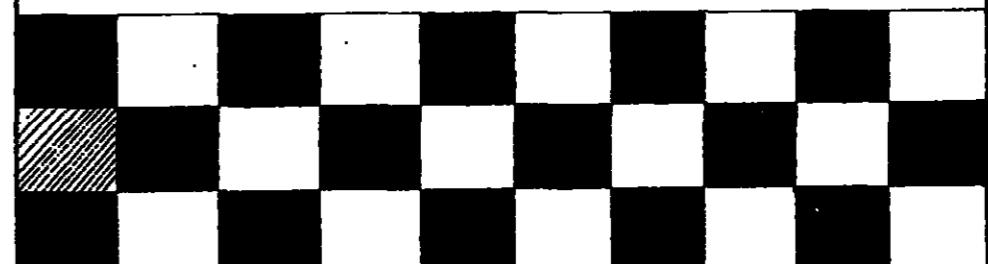
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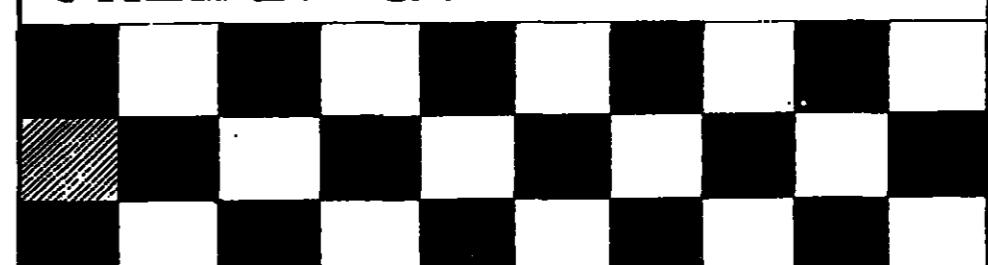
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Price increases to slow in the coming years, says Reagan

## US economy poised for years of expansion

WASHINGTON, Feb 19, (Reuter): President Reagan said today the economy of the United States is poised to continue growing for years to come but it must cut its budget deficit and resist the "siren song" of trade protectionism.

His annual economic report to Congress painted a rosy picture of an economy that has grown 2.3 per cent and created 1.5 million new jobs in a record peacetime expansion of the past five years.

### Incentives

Putting aside the worries of even his own advisers that October's stock market crash may still undermine the economy, Reagan promised that the good times would continue.

"By enhancing private incentives and opportunities for work, investment and entrepreneurship," he said.

### GIB takes 1987 loss to boost provisions

BAHRAIN, Feb 19, (Reuter): Gulf International Bank (GIB), Bahrain's second largest offshore bank, said on Thursday it had taken a \$178.9 million 1987 loss in order to bolster loan loss provisions against Third World debt.

The bank also said it had decided to double its share capital to \$1.06 billion and would omit its dividends to shareholders for the year.

A statement issued by GIB said the bank had approved special provisions of \$220 million in addition to continuing its normal non-disclosed provisioning policy.

"The step was taken in line with other international banks for the provisions they have been making for possible losses on their Third World portfolios," GIB general manager Ghazi Abdul-Jawad told Reuters.

### Move

The move, the first of its kind for GIB, comes in the wake of major loan loss provisions by its two main rivals on the island, Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) and Aralbank International EC.

Abdul-Jawad said GIB's operating profit had dropped steeply in 1987 to \$41.05 million from \$69.97 million during 1986.

"The drop can primarily be attributed to the fact that several countries have not paid in their interest to the bank," he said. Higher operating expenses and investment in new technology had also contributed to the fall, he added.

Abdul-Jawad said GIB would not take part in a Mexican debt scheme to swap the country's public sector loans at a discount for bonds because it would be taking a loss.

"The bonds are of no interest to us and I would be very surprised if I were to see other banks here participating in the deal," he said.

GIB's exposure to Latin American loans is estimated at \$864 million or about 18 percent of its debt portfolio.

Its seven shareholders are the governments of Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

### Italy to expand trade with Malaysia

KUALA Lumpur, Feb 19, (Kunai): Italy wants to expand trade with Malaysia and towards this end intends to buy more raw materials from this country including timber and rubber, according to Italian Ambassador Stefano Alberto Canavesio today.

He said Italy also planned to purchase more Malaysian silk while its furniture manufacturers were keen on having joint ventures with local partners.

At present, Italy's timber imports were mainly from African countries but it now wanted to buy more Malaysian timber such as the Meranti because of their cheaper price, he told reporters after meeting with Terengganu state Chief Minister Haji Wan Mohkhtar Ahmad.

### Connection

Canavesio also said Italian furniture manufacturers were interested in having joint ventures in the field with Malaysian partners and in this connection, the Italian government would organise a timber technology seminar in Malaysia in April.

Italian entrepreneurs were keen on setting up their enterprises in Malaysia because of its cheap labour and raw materials, he added.

ship, we have laid the ground work for growth far into the future," he said.

Nor Americans need worry about a resurgence of inflation. Reagan predicted that price increases would slow in the coming years.

### Activity

"Economic growth itself will not lead to a spiral of worsening inflation. Only irresponsible economic policies would do that," he said.

One such policy would be a push for protectionist trade legislation, which Reagan said would be a tragic mistake now that America's huge trade gap was shrinking.

"Isolating US markets could only lead to a global downward spiral in trade and economic living standards," he said.

**Missouri:** Congressman Richard Gephardt is running hard for the Democratic presidential nomination on the platform of a tough amendment he is sponsoring to a trade bill now going through Congress.

Although Reagan did not specifically refer to the Gephardt amendment, he said he would veto the trade bill if it was not free of harmful protectionist measures. Protectionism, he said, was a siren song.

Dwelling on his accomplishments, Reagan did not mention that national debt has increased under his stewardship to \$2.6 trillion from \$900 billion in 1980 — a burden which many economists say will depress future living standards.

But he repeatedly stressed the need to reduce further the role of

government. "Although we have succeeded recently in slowing the growth of (federal) spending, and the deficit declined by \$71 billion in the last fiscal year, the deficit is still too large," he said.

The deficit fell to \$150 billion in fiscal 1987, which ended last September 30, and is expected to fall only a bit further this year to \$147 billion.

Reagan submitted a 1989 budget to Congress on Thursday, seeking \$1.1 trillion of spending, which envisages a deficit of \$130 billion. The deficit is seen shrinking to \$104 billion in 1990 and \$79 billion in 1991.

### Resources

The government was still absorbing resources that could be put to better use by the private sector, but Reagan reiterated his opposition to tax increases as the

way to cut the deficit.

His comments were made in the introduction to an annual report to Congress by his Council of Economic Advisers, chaired by Beryl Sprinkel.

The report was also mostly upbeat but it sounded a note of caution about the impact of October's stock market crash.

It said this did remarkably little direct damage to the financial system but the implications for the economy were harder to gauge and might ultimately be more serious, requiring a careful policy to avoid an economic downturn.

"The stock market is a good, but not infallible, predictor of economic trends," the report said.

Partly because of the crash, the council in December scaled back

its forecast of economic growth this year to 2.4 per cent from 3.5 per cent, compared with 3.8 per cent in 1987.

### Forecast

Briefing reporters this week, Sprinkel said he saw no reason to revise his forecast any further.

Sprinkel predicted a narrowing this year in the yawning US trade gap and said the build-up in foreign debt brought about by the record trade deficits of the Reagan years remained modest relative to US income and wealth.

The United States needs to devote only 0.5 per cent of its total output of goods and services to service its debts, Sprinkel said. He declared: "The current level of foreign indebtedness is not a dire threat to our future."

## World Business Summary

### Japan to increase Third World aid

TOKYO, Feb 19, (Reuter): Japan plans to boost its aid to developing countries, another step toward dispelling its image as a miser in the world economic community. The government said it was studying the possibility of increasing official annual aid to \$7.6 billion sooner than the 1990 date originally set for reaching that figure. Japan's official aid totalled \$3.8 billion in 1985.

Senior officials, commenting on a government White Paper on the subject released on Thursday, said Japan was also considering beefing up a special three-year plan to contribute \$20 billion to developing countries. "Japan should provide a bigger flow of funds because \$20 billion is not enough," said Kuniyasu Takeda, head of the Economic Cooperation Division at the Ministry of International Trade. The government planned to cut interest rates on existing yen loans and act faster to disburse the \$20 billion, he told reporters. The annual White Paper on economic cooperation said "Japan should actively contribute to maintaining and improving the circulation of capital and goods." Overseas pressure on Japan to do more to help developing countries has increased as money has piled up from its trade surpluses.

Another ministry official said a cut in interest rates on development aid would be decided upon before a Toronto meeting in June of the seven leading industrial democracies.

Japan has already lowered interest rates on loans signed after January, 1987, by an average 0.6 per cent. But developing countries have complained that the rapid rise of the yen since then has substantially increased their repayment costs.

The government report, in summary, sees the need for more overall aid, more interest-free assistance, more Japanese investment in the developing world and more Japanese imports of manufactured goods from poor countries.

### BP brings in profits in line with forecasts

LONDON, Feb 19, (Reuter): Oil giant British Petroleum Co. Plc reported 1987 net income of more than £1.3 billion on Thursday. The company is Britain's biggest and is also the third largest oil company worldwide after Exxon Corp. of the United States and the Anglo-Dutch Shell Group. It reported 1987 net income of £1.39 billion on a so-called historic cost basis, which values its oil stocks on the basis of what they cost to acquire. That was about 70 per cent up on the corresponding figure for 1986 of £817 million — but analysts say the 1986 figure was massively distorted by a drop in crude oil prices.

Analysts said the only non-Opec country that has a definite plan of cutback cooperation in place is Norway, which has decreased its output rate by 7.5 per cent.

"But even Norway's cooperation came at a time when new producing fields were coming on line. Norway's total overall production is still up, although at a slower rate than it would have been," said Spriggs.

**Output**

Dow statistics show major producers — including the Soviet Union, Britain, Mexico, China, Norway, Brazil, Colombia, Syria, India, Malaysia, Oman and Angola — increased output in 1986 over 1985. Only the United States, Egypt and Australia experienced slight cutbacks over the same period.

All the countries had production increases — mostly significant increases — in 1986 relative to 1980.

North Yemen is a new producer whose output is averaging 150,000 to 200,000 bpd, and could hit 300,000 bpd by the end of the year, analysts said.

**Indonesia tries to make life easier for oil companies**

JAKARTA, Feb 19, (Reuter): Energy Minister Subroto says he is trying to make life easier for oil companies operating in Indonesia by cutting red tape and simplifying licensing procedures. "Foreign contractors, for example, will be allowed to import industry equipment without having to have their proposals audited in advance," he told Indonesian reporters.

Speaking after the installation of new officials for the state-oil company Pertamina on Thursday, Subroto said the government was trying to speed up the way Pertamina supervised operations of the foreign oil companies.

There are 38 foreign oil companies operating in Indonesia, a giant oil-rich archipelago which sends half its crude exports to Japan. Subroto was quoted by the Jakarta Post as saying Pertamina was supposed to approve spending and work plans in advance but in practice would do so after accounts were audited. Under the new procedures, foreign oil companies will only be required to report to Pertamina their plans for buying equipment from overseas and will no longer need advance approval. Subroto said the government was studying further ways of simplifying operations.

"Most complaints of foreign contractors concern licensing procedures and we will respond to their complaints positively to make the investment climate in the country more attractive," he said. Indonesia, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), expects to sign 10 new exploration and production contracts with foreign oil companies in 1988, the highest level since 1982, Indonesian officials said.

But it is concerned about declining levels of oil exploration, because new finds are not keeping pace with present extraction rates. US Ambassador Paul Wolfowitz said earlier this month that the investment climate appeared to have improved for oil companies in Indonesia over the past six months since the government started to smooth procedures. Subroto said the government had agreed to extend the contracts of certain oil companies on a selective basis but gave no details.

### New taxes last measure to steady Turkish economy

ANKARA, Feb 19, (Reuter): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said yesterday no further measures to beat budget and inflation problems in Turkey were expected after new taxes proposed yesterday. Ozal told reporters a draft tax bill presented to parliament yesterday would raise 700 billion lira (\$600 million) for health and education.

The new taxes will add one million lira (\$900) to the cost of a new car, nine to 21 per cent to the cost of fuel and between 40 and 100 lira (30-90 cents) to a pack of cigarettes.

"No new economic measures are to be expected . . . the ones more austerity moves may be introduced later this month to lower 60 per cent inflation, stabilise the currency and close a 2,465 billion lira (\$2.1 billion) budget deficit planned this year. The centre-right Mopha Party that measures might include withdrawing 200 billion lira (\$170 million) a week from circulation. The Turkish lira, meanwhile, continued to strengthen yesterday, improving to 1,310 lira to the dollar compared with 1,335 a week ago on the Istanbul bazaar free market.

Traders said the improvement was partly attributable to banks selling foreign currency to buy lira after interest rates and tax reserve requirements were raised on February 4.

"The (February 4) measures will soon start to show their effects. I recommend at this stage that nobody makes unnecessary and extreme speculations," Ozal said.

### Non-Opec oil output is rising

## Opec must act if prices stay low: Algeria

LONDON, Feb 19, Algeria's Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi said on Thursday that Opec would have to act if free market oil prices do not rebound from present depressed levels within two to three weeks.

Nabi, in an interview with Reuters, criticised excess production and price discounts by some Opec members and said it may be necessary to call a session of the Opec price committee — of Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Indonesia and Nigeria.

The panel is empowered to summon an emergency session of all 13 oil ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"We in Algeria think that if the actual situation (in spot markets) remains for two or three weeks that we have to meet," Nabi said.

Oversupply has sent prices on the "spot" or non-contract market below \$16 a barrel, threatening Opec efforts to keep the prices at which it sells contract oil at \$18.

### Production

The difference between the Opec-managed official contract price of Algerian Saharan blend and Zarzatine crudes and prices now quoted on spot markets is "more or less \$2.40," Nabi said: "We can't ask our customers to accept this kind of gap."

Nabi said: "We are going to spring when demand will decrease but inventories are still too high."

The International Energy Agency (IEA) estimated inventories (stocks) of oil in the 24

industrial nations of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, as at January 1, 1988, at 454 million tonnes, 12 million more than a year earlier.

Oil has tended to flow from stocks while Opec has exceeded its own production ceiling, creating the oversupply which has depressed spot prices.

"The level of the 13 Opec countries' production needs to come down," Nabi said.

He said discounts were "a very bad tactic. Their revenue will decrease. I am not interested in the number of barrels Algerian can sell but in revenue for our development."

According to industry sources, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq have all offered crude under varying discount formulas.

### Resolution

"It is not serious to make political statements to defend \$18 and to second a resolution in Opec to be committed to the official price and then to make a discount. It is definitely killing the credibility of Opec," Nabi said.

Saudi Arabia was the prime mover at the Opec meeting last December to maintain the \$18 price.

Asked if he was referring to Saudi Arabia in connection with discounts, Nabi said: "No, I am referring to all the countries who are making discounts."

Spot market prices "will decrease if each country tries to achieve its quota with their discounts. The consequences are very clear, the price will go down

and down."

Meanwhile, non-Opec production has steadily risen over the past year despite pleas from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to exercise restraint, oil-industry analysts said on Thursday.

"For the most part, major non-Opec producers are just giving lip service to cooperating with Opec. The overall increase in non-Opec output has offset the decline in Opec output, and I think this situation will continue," Dennis Winters, a data resources petroleum economist told Reuters.

### Production

Total non-Opec production in 1986 averaged 37.238 million barrels per day (bpd), the US Department of Energy said. For the first nine months of 1987, non-Opec output averaged 37.414 million bpd, and for September 1987, the last month figures were available, non-Opec production was 37.663 million bpd. In 1980, total non-Opec output was 32.334 million bpd.

Opec representatives have consistently said cooperation of non-Opec producers is essential to stabilise world oil prices.

Dillard Spriggs, economist with Petroleum Analysis Ltd., said non-Opec output is up about 500,000 to 600,000 bpd this year over last year, and the increase could fill any void left by OPEC cutbacks.

"Non-Opec supplies have been going up over the last several years, and this is keeping

markets and apply to securities of various maturities. A lower rating often means a company may have to pay more interest to sell debt.

The downgrades affected about \$48 billion in outstanding debt, while the confirmations applied to about \$34.6 billion in debt, Moody's said.

Roger Arner, senior analyst at Moody's, said the action followed a review begun last December of loans that a dozen major banking companies and their subsidiaries had outstanding to Third World countries.



# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond Highlights

London — The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc is issuing a 125 min stg Eurobond due March 24, 1998, paying 10-5/8 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Ltd said. (RCMD 1430)

London — Imperial Chemical Industries Plc is issuing a 75 min stg Eurobond due March 23, 1993 paying 9-3/4 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Warburg Securities said. (RCMF 1056)

Amsterdam — The 6.25 pct, 10-year loan for the Republic of Austria priced at 100.25 pct has been raised to 250 mln guilders from the original 200 mln announced yesterday, lead manager Crédit Suisse First Boston Nederland NV said. (RTV1117)

London — AB Electrolux is issuing a 75 min Canadian dlr Eurobond due March 29, 1991 paying 9-1/2 pct priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd. said. (RCMB 1227)

London — Helaba Luxembourg is issuing a 75 min Canadian dlr Eurobond due March 28, 1991 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager CIBC Ltd said. (RCMI 1136)

Zurich owners of L.F. Rothschild holding Inc's 100 mln Swiss franc, seven-year, 5-5/8 pct bond due 1993 May either call the bond is early or accept amendment to its net worth covenant proposed by Rothschild, lead manager Citicorp Investment Bank (Switzerland) said. (RCMK 1213)

## Interbank Rates

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PAR	7-5/16 3/8	7-3/8 1/2	7-9/16 11/16
ZUR	1/8 3/8	1-1/8 1-3/8	1-1/2 1-3/4
BRX	4.85	6-3/16 5/16	6-3/16 5/16
RON	10 10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-7/8 11-3/8
AMS	4-1/8 4-3/8	4.0 4-1/8	4.0 4-1/8
TOK	3.3750 4375	3.8125 8750	UNO
ECU	6.00 6.25	6.18 6.31	6.37 6.50

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3 months	4-11/16	5-1/8
6 months	4-3/4	5-1/4
1 year	4-13/16	5-1/16

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AHDADV	--	--	--	GULIPRET	24	24	24.50	PRENUATO	27.50	27.50
AHDADV400	--	--	--	GULIORON	89	89.50	88.50	RAYMOND CO	--	--
ANDRA CEN	10	10	10.25	HINDALCO	122	122.50	123	RAYMONDWOO	47	46
ANDRA VLY	142.50	142.50	143.75	HYD LAMPS	--	--	--	RELIANCE	98	98
BAJAJ AUTO	416.25	416.25	403.75	IND ORG	18.50	18	18.50	SPIC	32	32.50
BAR RAYON	155	150	155	INDRAYON	49.50	50	49	STD MILLS	237.50	240
BOM DYING	124	125	125	INDROL	178	175	176.25	STOMEDICAL	15	--
BSE INDEX	419.14	419.14	426.39	ITC	32	32.50	33	STEELTUBE	10	--
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COLGATE	195	195	195	JK 120	--	--	--	TATACHEM	63	62
DEEPAKFERT	30.50	30.50	31.50	JKSYNTH	52.50	53	52.50	TATAOIL	73	72
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ALLIANZ VR	1362.0	1375.5	AKAI ELEC	520	521	MITSUB HVY	605	600
BADEMWERK	173.2	173.0	AOKI	957	950	MITSUI CO	760	746
BAASF	232.5	231.7	ASAHI GAS	1900	1890	MITSUKOSHI	1660	1650
BAYER	256.5	254.0	ASAHI OPT	570	585	MITSUMI EL	1220	1200
BAYER HYP	341.5	331.5	BRIDGESTON	1420	1370	NICHICON	1320	1350
BAYER VER	330.0	328.0	CAHON	1050	1040	NIKKO SEC	1880	1820
BBC	282.0	282.0	CASIO COMP	1250	1220	NIP ELEC	2030	2000
BHF	305.0	307.5	CHUGAI MNG	0	1690	NIP KOKAM	304	299
BMW	524.5	523.0	CITIZEN W	588	591	NIP OIL	1190	1200
CHENIE-VER	0	120.0	D-ICHI KAN	3190	3160	NIP STEEL	408	399
COMMERZBK	216.5	216.5	DAT NIP IK	790	785	NIP YUSEN	560	560
CONTI GUIN	210.5	207.8	DAT NIP PT	2670	2620	NIS MOTOR	825	806
DAIMER BEN	664.5	657.5	DAT NIP SC	1000	995	NOURA SEC	3720	3640
DEUTSC BNK	418.0	418.0	DAT NIP TO	500	485	ORBA CO	1030	1010
DLW	298.0	296.0	DAICEL	812	800	OLYMPUS	1170	1160
DRESDNER B	236.5	236.2	DAIWA H	1770	1750	PENTA OCN	850	858
DT BABCOCK	153.0	155.5	DAIWA SEC	2500	2420	PIONEER	2850	2800
FAZ INDEX	440.00	442.02	EBSA MFG	835	841	RENOWN	838	829
GOLDSCHEID	231.5	231.0	EISAI	2470	2460	RICOH	1250	1230
GUTEHOFF	0	0	FUJITSU	1470	1410	SANKYO	2170	2160
HARPER	382.0	381.0	FUJI BAN	3380	3370	SANYO ELEC	510	519
HOECHST AG	248.0	248.0	FUJI PHOTO	4050	3990	SEIYU ST	2690	2640
HOESCH	99.1	98.0	FUJISAWA	2040	2050	SEKISUI PB	1870	1820
HORTEN	165.5	167.0	FUJITA CP	728	720	SHARP	972	982
RUSSL HLD	407.0	407.0	HITACHI	1290	1250	SHISEIDO	1730	1700
KALI SALZ	123.0	126.8	HONDA MOT	1460	1430	SONY	4850	4800
KARSTADT	398.0	399.0	ISETAN	1470	1490	SUNTOMO	1080	1070
KAUFHOF	362.5	359.0	ITO YOKADO	4300	4280	TAISEI	950	920
KLOECK H	93.0	91.0	JAP SY RU	951	951	TAISHO MRN	1200	1200
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## Democrats show lukewarm support

## \$1.1t US budget could surpass deficit cut goals

WASHINGTON, Feb 19, (UPI): President Reagan, saying his \$1.1 trillion budget could surpass deficit reduction goals and reshape the government, is getting only lukewarm support from Democrats who blame him for all the federal red ink.

In the words of representative Charles Schumer, Democrat-New York, a member of the House Budget Committee, "the good news is that the budget is not dead on arrival. The bad news is that parts of the budget are seriously ill and need major surgery."

Reagan, who delivered his fiscal 1989 spending plan to Capitol Hill on Thursday, said the plan meets the requirements of the deficit-cutting tax and spending

agreement negotiated between his advisers and congressional leaders last fall.

## Restraint

"I am keeping my end of the bargain. I call upon the Congress to uphold its end," the President said in his budget message. "By exercising this measure of restraint and self-discipline, we can secure great benefits for the nation."

Senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico, ranking Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, described the White House package as a "good faith effort" that lays the groundwork for speedy legislative action.

"Now the Congress must begin its work in formulating and implementing its budget

priorities," agreed House Republican leader Robert Michel of Illinois.

But Democrats, while not dismissive, were not as receptive.

"It's too bad this cooperation comes in the last year of (Reagan's) term rather than the first," remarked Senate Budget Committee chairman Lawton Chiles, Democrat-Florida.

"Now we're still saddled with tremendous deficits ... and I think the message still is whover the new president is he's going to have to work awfully quick in the first year to do something about the deficit because all the spare time has been used up."

Added representative Tony Coelho of California, assistant democratic leader of the House

of Representatives, "the administration submitted a budget today, which by and large attempts to fulfil year two of the (agreement with Congress). But it has stated that further deficit reduction will not occur on President Reagan's watch."

## Problem

"He is leaving an enormous problem to the next administration and to the next generation. It is sad closing chapter to the failed story of Reaganomics."

The plan, which outlines Reagan's priorities for the fiscal year beginning Oct 1, is the last one that will be solely his own.

His term ends less than four months later, and even though he will prepare a budget for fiscal 1990, it likely will be heavily revised by

his successor.

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The president would achieve such savings partly by holding military spending authority at the \$299.5 billion level specified in the agreement with Congress and partly by reviving some of his pet proposals to sell government assets. In the past, Congress has ignored most of those so-called privatisations plans.

The budget also incorporates \$14 billion in new taxes ordered in legislation passed last fall as a result of the White House negotiations with Congress.

## Dollar steady, gold eases

LONDON, Feb 19, (Reuters): The dollar held steady again and share prices were hardly changed today as dealers said they still want clearer signs on prospects for the global economy.

For the fifth straight day, the dollar traded around 1.71 West German marks and just above 130 yen. It was quoted at around \$1.75 to the pound sterling. Gold eased to be fixed in London at \$443.45 an ounce, down \$3.80.

London's benchmark FTSE index of the value of 100 blue-chip British shares eased four points to open at 1,732.1 in quiet trading.

In Tokyo, the world's largest stock market, the Nikkei 225 share index rose 98.05 points, or 0.39 per cent, to close at 24,773.41 — only about seven per cent below its pre-October crash peak.

## Gains

The dollar and share prices generally, have moved little after last Friday's sharp gains, when the United States reported a drop in its monthly trade deficit for December.

President Reagan's \$1.1-trillion federal budget got a mixed reception at the Senate Budget Committee today with some members praising it while

others said the figures were unrealistic.

"You've made some progress. It's a good effort," committee chairman Lawton Chiles, a Florida Democrat, told budget director James Miller.

But Chiles and Michigan Democrat Donald Riegle said the deficit, for the government's 1989 financial year which begins October 1 is likely to be higher than the \$129.5 billion estimated by the administration because a surplus in social security funds were used to reduce the deficit.

"Take out the social security surplus, and the deficit is closer to \$185 billion in 1989, even using your optimistic economic assumptions," Chiles said.

"We shouldn't fool anybody about what the President's request is," Riegle added.

Miller said he believed the

figures were right and were based on correct economic forecasts which call for a growth rate of 2.4 per cent in the US economy this year.

"We have reason to believe our estimates are correct. Last year, the economy performed better than we expected," he said.

Many dealers and bankers said that drop should ease pres-

sure on the dollar. But some are not sure that the deficit is coming down for good.

"Since the fundamental imbalances have not been corrected, and the chances for improvement do not exist, there is a danger the downward trend of the dollar has not been broken," Swiss National Bank president Pierre Languin said.

And a weak dollar could squeeze American sales of European and Asian companies still more. That worries stock market investors.

## Expensive

"The dollar is a bit more expensive than we expected but no one dares sell in case the central banks come in or they talk it up again," a Paris dealer said.

Trading in almost all markets was very quiet.

In Frankfurt, the Boersen-Zeitung 30-share rose 0.81 points to open at 281.30. Amsterdam's CBS All Share index rose 0.2 points to open at 76.7 and then eased slightly.

The Paris bourse indicator slipped 0.30 per cent and the All Share Swiss index was down 0.5 points to 820.3.

Singapore shares firmed, but Sydney's All-Ordinaries index slipped 0.8 points to 1,243.0.

## GCC citizens can buy shares in any member country

KUWAIT'S Finance Minister Jassim Mohammed Al Khorafi and the accompanying delegation returned here on Wednesday after attending in Riyadh the 16th meeting of the financial and economic cooperation committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council states.

In the Saudi capital, the Kuwaiti minister also participated in meetings of the board of directors of the Kuwait-based Gulf Investment Corporation (GIC).

Meanwhile, Saudi Minister of Finance and National Economy Mohammed Abu Al Khalil who presided over the financial and economic cooperation committee meetings, said on Wednesday that the participants endorsed the right of the GCC citizens to buy shares in companies that are set up in any GCC member state.

The GCC groups Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and the UAE.

## Amendments

The Saudi minister also stated that the committee members, grouping GCC finance and economic ministers, also discussed a draft paper on protecting national industries submitted by the GCC secretariat, and certain amendments were introduced that will be discussed with industry ministers for final endorsement.

The issue of unifying customs measures to facilitate movement of goods among the GCC states was also decided by the conference, Abu Al Khalil said.

The Saudi official added that the negotiations also discussed the current negotiations between the GCC and European Economic Community.

**Italy seeks to exclude Japan, S. Korea from EEC trade offer.**

BRUSSELS, Feb 19, (Reuters): Italy will seek next week to have Japan and South Korea excluded from a European Economic Community (EEC) proposal to end some import quotas, diplomats said today.

They said that at a meeting of EEC foreign ministers on Monday, Italy would argue that no concessions should be made to the two countries because of their huge trade surpluses with the 12-nation Community and the problems EEC exporters face there.

The ministers are due to approve an EEC proposal to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) to end dozens of national restrictions on imports of goods ranging from vermouth to used tyres.

The proposal, covering only a small fraction of EEC trade, is part of the so-called "rollback" section of the GATT's current Uruguay round, which aims to reduce trade restrictions.

## Proposal

The EEC commission says in support of its proposal that it contains a condition that Japan and South Korea must take reciprocal action.

Italy, which is worried about its quotas on crockery, cutlery and similar goods, is supported by France but will need other allies to block the commission proposal, diplomats said.

Ministers are also due to approve agreements with Egypt and Turkey under which they would voluntarily restrain their textile exports to the Community.

**Japan grants \$12.22m to Egypt**

CAIRO, Feb 19, (Reuters): Japan will grant Egypt \$12.22 million to help finance development projects, the Japanese embassy said today.

An embassy statement said \$7.81 million would finance the purchase of steel bars for a housing project for low income people.

## Despite unfavourable circumstances

## KAC hopes to improve its profits

By Khaled Ahmad



Ahmed Al Mishari

THE tourism and travel market is unstable and heading towards more complications because of continuing of reduced rates, according to the chairman and managing director of Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC), Ahmed Al Mishari.

He said the departure of eight international companies from the local market was an indication of the dangers facing the local travel market because of the continued violation of rates.

He told the Arab Times and Seyassah newspapers that KAC, the Civil Aviation Directorate and the Tourism and Travel Union, in cooperation with other companies operating in Kuwait, were making joint efforts to put an end to the present practices in the market and arrive at a just formula for prices, taking into consideration the interests of airline and passengers.

## Change

Al Mishari said that KAC had proposed a slight change in the rates provided that other companies agreed to it. Headed that some companies considered the change to be insufficient.

He said that KAC's operational results for the current fiscal year will be better than previous year and KAC will improve its profits despite the unfavourable circumstances through which the aviation and travel business were passing.

## Improvement

Al Mishari said KAC had proposed the improvement of the computerised booking system to the Arab Aviation Union in order to protect the Arab markets and increase its competitiveness.

He said the civil aviation project aimed at increasing KAC's present volume in the downstream market.

He said the aviation business was witnessing the formation of groups and alliances, especially between Europe and South-East Asia to face the US computerised booking systems which threaten world markets.

## Prices

He said that ticket prices in the local market were 25 to 30 per cent less than the official rates. He said the clause concerning rates in the civil aviation agreement had been suspended because of a dispute on a reasonable basis.

## Market

He pointed out that such a situation continued then this, coupled with a drop in operations, would certainly lead to a big fall in airline returns, resulting in many companies withdrawing from the local market. In the end only a few companies will remain and this will lead to monopoly which is harmful.

Al Mishari denied that KAC was behind the moves to hike ticket prices in the local market. He said that KAC wanted to introduce a partial amendment in the prices.

## Ownership

He hailed the project for establishing an Arab company to finance the purchase and hire of aircraft. The project is now with the Arab Fund and is likely to be discussed with various Arab investment and financial companies. He said a meeting would be held shortly to discuss the project.

## Facilities

He pointed out that such an idea was still too early for Arab airlines. He added that if such a decision was taken, a preparatory period of six to seven years must precede the selling of shares of Arab airlines to the private sector.

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## Facilities

The senior Kuwaiti oil expert also made reference to the management limitations for the London-based company.

However, he was optimistic that KPI would learn from the experience of other companies who have moved into the same areas earlier.

He affirmed that "we are only eight-year old so we still have some energy and steam left."

The company entered the downstream market only five years ago and Sultan told his audience that he was confident that KPI's record will speak for itself after this very short period.

## Facilities

He made it clear that the company has outlined an ambitious plan through identifying opportunities in the Far Eastern markets as well as giving consideration to the US.

In his address to more than 250 representatives of the British oil industry as well as a number of foreign experts, Sultan pointed

out that any plans for further expansion would require an examination into acquiring additional manufacturing facilities.

He also referred to the necessity of a change in emphasis in order that KPI would expand its wide-range activities.

Later, the KPI president dwelt extensively on the history of the formation of the company almost eight years ago after it acquired the American group, Gulf oil, downstream assets in Europe.

He also said that "Kuwait Petroleum's plan for the downstream market" about the promising prospects building on the successful business experience.

On the limitations facing the company, Sultan mentioned among other things the importance of being very selective as well as the long-term production limits set by Opec for Kuwait.

Dealers said inventories held in the exchange's warehouses across Europe have not been as low since April, 1981. But demand for aluminium, used in

products ranging from motors to food-wrapping, remains buoyant.

Some dealers believe there will be a short-term supply squeeze, and moved today to snap up as much aluminium as they could. But most trading was between professional dealers as opposed to producers or users.

And dealers said they were looking to technical signals — mainly tracking the volume and speed of orders in the market itself — for indications as to where prices headed.

One key signal came when aluminium prices hit £1,185

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb 19, (Reuters): Shares closed barely steady, recovering most of the losses in early trade in response to falls on offshore markets and softer bullion prices overnight. The All Ordinaries index ended 0.8 of a point down at 1,243.0.

TOKYO: Shares bounded higher in late trade on bullish sentiment after a mixed showing most of the day, to chalk up the market's seventh straight gain. The Nikkei Average ended 98.05 points up at 24,773.41.

HONG KONG: Market closed for lunar New Year three-day holiday.

taking Wall Street's lower close offset the positive effects of a stronger dollar. The All-Share Swiss index was down 3.4 at 817.4.

PARIS: Prices opened the main floor session firmer in active trading with foreign buying of blue chips pushing the market up.

LONDON: Prices reached their low point of the day around mid-session in continuing low turnover. At 1200 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 6.6 at 1,729.5.

NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks were slightly lower in early trading after a late decline yesterday. The Dow 30 was down one point at 1,985.

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## SPORTS

### Pat Cash praises Japanese racket

MILAN, Italy, Feb 19. (UPI): True-blue Aussie Pat Cash is singing the praises of Japanese technical wizardry these days after switching to the 'ultimate' tennis racket.

The Wimbledon winner has signed with Yonek of Japan, which recently lost women's star Martina Navratilova.

And Cash says the new weapon is already making a difference in his game.

"I realized that I could get the ultimate tennis racket," the 22-year-old Australian said at the \$490,000 Stella Artois Italian indoor championships this week.

"I must have tried at least 200 or 300 rackets before I found the one I liked," he said. "I went through 27 batches of their rackets."

"When I found one I liked, then I asked the Japanese for a little more power and I got it as well."

"They really are technically brilliant. Feel and power—what more can you want out of a racket?"

Cash has put the graphite-silicone creation to good use this week in Milan, defeating Swede Niklas Kulli and Spain's Sergio Casal in straight sets to reach the quarterfinals of a tournament where he's suffered first-round exits in his previous two appearances.

Cash first used the Yonek in Australia's winning Davis Cup series against Mexico two weeks ago after his contract with the American firm of Prince expired following the Australian Open.

"My coach Ian Barclay practically had to learn Japanese for this deal," Cash said. "Your racket is the most important piece of kit you've got. I think that's why Yonek is so keen to show that they can make the best in the world."

Changing any piece of equipment can be traumatic for a sportsman. Tennis, like ski racing, relies heavily on technology. What works for one player won't necessarily be right for another.

Cash said he came up lucky in making his switch. He credits the high-tech Japanese model with helping his serve.

"The more I play with it, the more I like it," he said. "I've only had nice surprises using this racket so far."

### American beats Norwegian in preliminary sprints race

HAYWARD, Wisconsin, Feb 19. (AP): Scott Oberbecking of Wisconsin got a quick start yesterday and defeated Kristian Naess of Norway in the GTE Sprints, a preliminary to tomorrow's cross-country Birkbeiner ski race.

Oberbecking, 24, of Hubertus, was time at 33.17 seconds for the 200-metre race on a Hayward street after defeating Walter Thierstein of Switzerland and Hans Persson of Sweden in earlier heats.

He said he edged Naess because of a faster start.

Lynn Cecil, 26, of Minnesota covered the 200 metres in 38.19 seconds to win the women's competition, beating Mary Ostergren of Vermont.

It was the first year for the sprints. Sponsors predict at least 5,500 entries from 20 nations for the annual 55-kilometre Birkbeiner, a Northern Wisconsin event that began 16 years ago and has become one of the world's biggest cross-country ski races.

### Wales take on Scotland at Cardiff

### France to meet Ireland in rugby

LONDON, Feb 19. (AP): Defending champion France, unrecognizable in its first two matches of the new campaign from the team that won the grand slam last year, attempts to refine its famed flair and zest tomorrow when it hosts Ireland in the Five Nations Rugby Union Championship.

Wales, on the second leg of its bid to win the triple crown after a successful start to the season, takes on Scotland at Cardiff in the other half of a double-header.

The French, World Cup finalists in Australia, were unimpressive in their fortunate 10-9 victory over England and 33-12 defeat at Murrayfield against the Scots. To try and put things right, the selectors have wielded the axe and made five changes.

Out go established forwards Jean-Pierre Garuet, Jean Condom, Dominique Erban and Eric Champ, who have earned 130 caps between them. Also dropped is flyhalf Jean-Patrick Lescaboura.

### BECKER TAKES REVENGE IN MILAN TOURNAMENT

## Cash, Mecir, Noah advance into quarterfinals

MILAN, Italy, Feb 19. (Reuters): Wimbledon Champion Pat Cash and Milosav Mecir moved easily into the quarterfinals of the Italian indoor tennis championships yesterday but Yannick Noah had to struggle hard to retain his concentration and his place.

Noah, seeded number five, needed three sets to get past upset-minded Alex Antonitsch of Austria 6-4 1-6 3.

#### Frustrated

The heavy-hitting Antonitsch,

who earned a place in the tournament through the qualifying round, frustrated Noah with a strong serve and solid ground strokes.

Noah, the former French Open champion, had to come

back from a break down in the deciding set, a feat he achieved with some spectacular strokes, including a between-the-knees return of a lob followed by a dazzling backhand passing shot.

But Noah acknowledged he did not play well. "I was not concentrating enough," he said.

#### Benefit

Noah's next opponent will be Cash, who defeated Spain's Sergio Casal 6-3 7-6 after being 5-3 down in the second set.

A succession of backhand passing shots squared the set at 5-5 and Cash went on to win the tiebreaker which saw a couple of contested line calls.

The Australian, seeded number four, said he thought officials

would benefit from the greater use of "electronic eyes." "Someone wins or loses matches every week because of bad line calls. I would like to see electronic eyes used on every line," he said.

In another second-round match, thin-seeded Mecir cruised Sweden's Jonas Svensson 6-4 6-0. Mecir, beaten by Boris Becker in last year's final, looked impressive as his steady baseline game wore down Svensson.

#### Revenge

West Germany's Carl-Uwe Steeb beat compatriot Rolf Osterhain 7-6 1-6 7-5. Osterhain upset eighth-seeded Slobodan Zivojinovic on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, top seed Boris Becker took his revenge on Magnus Gustafsson as he beat the Swede to advance to the quarterfinals.

Gustafsson beat Becker in November in the youth masters

in Germany last November in three sets and the West German No. 1 has been itching to settle accounts ever since.

"I was looking for revenge. I had a bitter taste in my mouth and I wanted to make it sweeter," Becker said after the Wednesday match.

Becker, 20, will meet the winner of the second round match between France's Henri Leconte, seeded seventh, and Soviet No. 1 Andrei Chesnokov.

Second seed Jimmy Connors of the United States used his pun-

ishing return of serve and probing two-fisted backhand to sweep aside New Zealand's David Lewis 6-3, 6-3. Connors' victory sets up a second round clash with Eric Jelen the West German No. 2. The fast "supreme" indoor carpet surface appears to suit Connors, whose low passing shots make life difficult for many opponents.

#### Intends

Connors, 35, said after the opening round match that he intends to play only 20 weeks of tennis this year.

"I've been designated to play only eight tournaments this year. I intend to stop after the (US) masters. I always thought people played too much tennis anyway," Connors said.



### Navratilova beats ailing Turnbull



Mandlikova: struggles

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match with (Eva) Pfaff the other night," Zvereva said. "I decided the best way to play here was to play to her backhand."

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## 1988 Winter Olympics

WINDS BECOME KEY PARTICIPANT IN CALGARY GAMES

## Medal standings

	G	S	B	T
Soviet Union	4	4	3	11
East Germany	3	2	1	6
Finland	2	0	1	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	2
Sweden	1	0	0	1
Netherlands	0	2	1	3
Czechoslovakia	0	1	1	2
West Germany	0	1	0	1
France	0	0	1	1
Japan	0	0	1	1
Norway	0	0	1	1
United States	0	0	1	1

## Jansen's medal hopes dashed

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 19, (AP): World sprint champion Dan Jansen tried to forget death and defeat and think about the Olympic medal yet to be won, but the world wouldn't let him.

For the four days after his sister's death and his fall in the 500-metre speed skating, Jansen's best-wishes calls and cards poured into the Olympic village.

The US luge team sent flowers, boosters from his hometown, West Allis, Wisconsin, sent a 32-metre (96-foot) banner: "Dan be strong. Keep the faith. Wisconsin is with you all the way."

And through it all, Jansen struggled to concentrate yesterday's 1,000-metre race, his last chance in the Calgary Olympics to win a medal in his sister's memory.

But it was not meant to be. With a crowd roaring in support, Jansen fell. On a straightaway. "It looks like he caught an outer edge," Jansen's brother, Mike, said afterward. "He was giving it all he had. He just caught an outer edge and just kept going and he lost his balance."

He had recorded the fastest time for the first 200 metres. But he fell shortly after crossing the 600-metre mark in 44.02 seconds, the fastest time of the day to that point.

His worst fears had come true. "He's been trying to get it (his sister's death) out of his mind, said his mother, Geraldine, said before the race from the family home. "But he said that just when he's got it in perspective, somebody sends another good-will message, a telegram or something, and then it all comes rushing back like the day it happened."

It happened on Sunday, the second day of Olympic competition. Jane Jansen Beres, 27, died after a yearlong battle with leukemia. Hours later, Jansen's hopes for a medal in her honour ended with a first-turn fall in the 500 metres that sent him crashing into the wall mats.

"Maybe it just wasn't meant to be," the 22-year-old world sprint champion said. Then he began preparing for yesterday.

Coach Mike Crowe said Jansen appeared to have rebounded from Sunday's double tragedy and had been skating well in practice.

## Robson faces fight for fitness for Cup clash

LONDON, Feb 19. (Reuters): Manchester United's England captain Bryan Robson faces yet another battle against injury to play in tomorrow's English FA Cup fifth round tie at Arsenal—but his manager admits his chances are not good.

A thigh injury caused Robson to miss England's dreary goalless draw with Israel in the mud of Tel Aviv on Wednesday and he was flown home before the game for treatment.

"He is very doubtful, though I won't rule him out yet. We live in hope," manager Alex Ferguson said.

But Ferguson had better news with three other injured players, Norman Whiteside, Brian McClair and Viv Anderson, expected to be fit, although a groin strain may sideline Mike Duxbury.

Arsenal also have their problems. They will be without suspended Steve Williams while Michael Thomas and Tony Adams are struggling to throw off a virus.

Fans will have to wait a further 24 hours for the other major attraction of the fifth round with runaway First Division leaders Liverpool visiting near-neighbour Everton on Sunday.

Port Vale, the last surviving Third Division side in the competition and shock conquerors of Tottenham in the last round, will be hoping home ground advantage against another First Division side, Watford, will see them through to the quarterfinals.

Unfashionable Birmingham City are anticipating their biggest gate for four years—a capacity 38,000—for their clash with Brian Clough's young Nottingham Forest side.

Another full house is expected at Newcastle where extra spice has been added to their match against Wimbledon following the much publicised and controversial close-marking tactics of defender Vinny Jones on young Newcastle star Paul Gascoigne when the teams met earlier this month.

## East German claims place in Olympic history

CALGARY, Feb 19. (Agencies): East German luger Steffi Walter claimed her place in Olympic history yesterday as raging winds continued to disrupt the Winter Games' schedule.

A howling gale at the summit of Mount Allan forced organizers to postpone the women's Alpine downhill after the first starter, Switzerland's Brigitte Oertli, made an unsuccessful attempt to descend the course.

Uninvited Wind has become an uninvited but key participant at the Winter Olympics.

The Indians who camped at the base of the Canadian Rockies named the warm-breathed and ill-tempered westerly wind the Chinook, meaning "snow eater." At the Calgary Games, the wind might more aptly be called the "schedule-eater."

In the past week, winds gusting up to hurricane strength have delayed the men's and women's downhill and the finals of the women's luge. The 90-metre jump has been twice postponed and, after the latest delay yesterday, was rescheduled for next week.

The women's downhill was pushed back today.

In the downhill, Switzerland's

Michela Figini, gold medallist in 1984, was favoured to become the only Alpine skier in Olympic history to repeat a championship.

"I prefer to have a postponement and have a regular run later, rather than competing in unfair conditions on the original day," said Figini, who was upstaged by a relatively unknown Soviet racer during the wind-plagued final training run on Wednesday.

US medal hope Pam Fletcher, who had been scheduled to run first yesterday, collided with a course volunteer during her warm-up run before the downhill postponement. She fractured a small bone in her right leg and bruised her right arm.

Revived

The downhill delays revived criticism of Mount Allan as the Olympic Alpine venue.

"It's a crazy mountain and I don't like it," said Heinz Krecek of West Germany, the technical director who represents the International Ski Federation at the Winter Games.

Anticipating possible weather delays, Calgary organizers spread the Games over 16 days, the longest ever for a Winter Olympics.

Luge gold

The women's luge gold was awarded to defending champion Steffi Walter, who had tears in her eyes as the East German flag was hoisted on all three flat stalls at last night's medal ceremony.

At the Canmore Nordic Centre today, Swedish skiers will try in the 15-kilometre cross-country race to rebound from one of their worst Olympic showings earlier in the week. However, they again will be up against the Soviet Union's Alexei Prokhorov, gold medalist in Monday's 30k race, and Vladimir Smirnov, the 30k silver medalist.

Teammates Ute Oberhoffner, who held the lead after the first two of four runs, took the silver and Cersin Schmidt, the 1987 champion, the bronze. It marked the second Winter Games in a row that the East Germans monopolised the women's luge medals. Oberhoffner won the bronze medal at Sarajevo four years ago.

Since the sport was introduced to the Olympics—at Innsbruck, Austria, in 1964—East German sledgers have captured 19 gold medals, 12 silver and 10 bronze.

Yesterday's sweep of the women's luge and a silver in speed skating placed East Germany many second in the Calgary medal derby with six, including three gold and two silver.

Strengthened

The Soviet Union strengthened its medal lead as Nikolai Guliaev won the gold in last night's men's 1,000-metre speed skating race. A bronze was added by teammate Igor Zhelezovskiy, giving the Soviets a total of 11 medals—4 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze.

Guliaev, 1987 world speed skating champion, finished in 1:13.03, an Olympic record. Jens-Uwe Meyer of East Germany, the 500-metre gold medallist,



East Germany's Steffi Walter prepares for a run down the luge course. (Reuter wirephoto)

petition after his name had been linked to a sport scandal involving delivery of steroids to Norwegian athletes. Guliaev denied knowing the package contained steroids.

## President's XI declare

DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Feb 19. (Reuters): An elegant and attractive innings by opening batsman Ken Rutherford injected life into pedestrian proceedings on the first day of England's cricket match against the President's XI today.

Rutherford's 57 and an accomplished 48 by Bryan Young were the main contributions to the home side's total of 181 for seven declared. England was 11 without loss at stumps.

Elected

England captain Mike Gatting won the toss and elected to bat on a cold, grey day.

The loss of captain David White and Dipak Patel, both without scoring, in the first two overs bowled by Neal Radford produced a feeling of imminent disaster but the next wicket did not fall until 20 minutes after lunch.

Defending champion Greg Norman was also nicely poised despite being drained by a virus, three shots of the lead after finishing strong to card a 70.

Five other players finished alongside him on 142, fellow Australians Brett Officer, Craig Parry, Ian Stanley and Jeff Woodland along with Northern Ireland's Ronan Rafferty.

After the declaration, Marilyn Moxon and Tim Robinson safely negotiated the six overs bowled by Jonathan Millimow and Richard de Groot and there could be an interesting middle and final chapter to the match, if the weather remains fine.

## Scoreboard

PRESIDENT'S XI first innings:

K Barnes lbw Radford ..... 28

D White c Richards b Radford ..... 0

D Patel c Fairbrother b Radford ..... 0

Rutherford c Robinson b Defretas ..... 57

R Latham b Radford ..... 13

D Walker c Radford b Capel ..... 0

E Gray not out ..... 19

B Young c Moxon b Gatting ..... 48

Extras (lb-5 nb-11) ..... 16

TOTAL (for seven wickets declared) ..... 181

Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-2 3-51 4-104

5-109 6-109 7-181

Bowling: Defretas 22-3-68-1 (10 nb), Radford 19-9-24-4 (1 nb), Jarvis 12-4-25-0, Hemmings 13-5-23-0, Capel 12-3-19-1, Gatting 6-2-17-1.

ENGLAND first innings:

M Moxon not out ..... 8

T Robinson not out ..... 3

Extras ..... 0

TOTAL ..... 11

Bowling: Millimow 3-0-6-0, De Groot 3-1-5-0.

## Finland beat Canada in hockey

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 19, (AP): Thanks to Finland, only one thing is certain with two rounds left in "A" pool action in the Olympic hockey tournament—almost anything can happen.

The fifth-seeded Finns 3-1 victory over No. 4 Canada last night threw the standings into a mad scramble. Only last-second France is out of contention for one of the three medal-round spots.

Top-seeded Sweden moved a step closer to one of those slots with a 4-2 victory over No. 9 Switzerland, but the Swiss also remain in contention despite a 1-2 record.

And No. 8 Poland, the surprise of the tournament, is in even better shape after downing France 6-2 to improve its record to 1-1-1.

Canada could have clinched a berth in the medal round with a victory last night. But Finland, which had looked strong since an opening-game loss, came out firing to quiet the hometown crowd by taking a 3-0 first-period lead on two goals by Eeriki Laine and one by Eeriki Lehtonen.

In "B" pool action today, the second-seeded Soviets and No. 6 West Germany meet in a mat-

chup of 3-0 teams. No. 3 Czechoslovakia faces No. 11 Austria, and the seventh-seeded Americans try to keep their medal hopes alive against No. 10 Norway.

The Czechs have the inside track for the third spot in the medal round at 2-1, while the United States is 1-2. Both Norway and Austria are 0-3.

Wednesday night, the bottom line was a 7-5 victory for the



Soviet Union's Sergei Makarov (left) flies through the air after tripping over the USA's goalie Chris Turrill after he scored the first goal in USSR-USA hockey game on Wednesday night. (Reuter wirephoto)

Discover gold

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